Maradona Out of World Cup for Drug Violations

Argentine Star Tests Positive

By Ian Thomsen

Maradona of Argentina, the greatest and

most notorious player of his generation, was suspended Thursday following the biggest drug scandal in the 64 year history of the World Cup.

The 33-year-old Maradona tested positive for five types of ephedrine, a stimulant found in over-the-counter decongestants. Ephedrine is commonly used to treat tolds allervies and asthma colds, allergies and asthma.

It was his second drug-related suspension and almost certainly will conclude his sensational 18-year career, highlighted by the 1986 World Cup title.

"It is with great sadness that we have to say that Maradona is suspended and will not play," said João Havelange, president of FIFA, the international soccer federation. "I was always hoping that the result would be different. This was a very difficult decision for us, but the medical facts don't lie, and we have to accept them as the

Maradona apparently took a cocktail of drugs in order to lose 26 pounds (12 kilograms) for the World Cup finals, said Michel d'Hooghe, a medical doctor and member of FIFA's executive committee. Maradona has had trouble controlling his weight since serving a 15-month suspen-sion for cocaine in 1991-92.

"Maradona must have taken a cocktail of drugs because the five identified sub-stances are not found in one medicine," said d'Hooghe, who identified the substances as ephedrine, phenylpropanola-mine, pseudo-ephedrine, nonpseudo-ephedrine and methylephedrine.

"It is true that some of these medica-tions, especially nonephedrine, are often used in weight-reduction medicines." d'Hooghe said. "It would seem possible that Maradona may have taken these drugs in a bid to reduce weight leading up to the World Cup."

Maradona's use of ephedrine "was a strictly personal decision," according to Agricol De Bianchetti, a lawyer for the Argentina Football Association. At a rau-

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The Argentine soccer superstar Diego Maradona, who was suspended Thursday in a World Cup drug scandal.

Eagerly, Anxiously, Gaza Prepares to Hail Arafat

Washington Post Service

GAZA - In a dark basement shop splattered with ink, Moen Akeila and his workers were frantically silk-screening swathes of white cotton Thursday with the likeness of Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The smudgy images of Mr. Arafat were being sewn into flags, selling briskly for \$1 each on the streets of Gaza City as Pales-

By Geraldine Fabrikant

NEW YORK — Barry Diller, chairman

of QVC Network Inc., and Laurence A. Tisch, chairman of CBS Inc., are near a deal in which CBS would merge with QVC

in a complex arrangement involving cash

and stock. The companies have a com-

The merger being discussed would put Mr. Diller, 52, in charge of CBS as its chief executive, returning him to the business in which he initially built his reputation. Mr.

Tisch would remain as chairman and head

of the executive committee. Neither could

Shares of both companies surged on the merger prospects, CBS closed up \$47.00 at \$310 on the New York Stock Exchange. In

over-the-counter trading, QVC finished with a gain of \$5.625 at \$38.00. Trading in

both companies was halted for about six

hours before the merger discussions were

bined value of \$6.4 billion.

be reached for comment.

now scheduled for Friday, after 27 years in exile as a guerrilla leader and icon of the Palestinian national revolution.

Mr. Akeila recalled the months of delays and dithering. He recalled that Mr. Arafat had vowed not to come to the Gaza Strip and Jericho until he had received the promised millions of dollars in aid to pro-

mote the building of a new state. But Mr. Akeila quikly dismissed the

A merger would reflect the continuing

blending of broadst and cable, once bit-ter rivals. CBS, with earned \$326 million on revenues of \$3 billion last year, owns

and operates seve television stations and 21 radio stations as well as the television

Those involved in the negotiations cau-

inose involved in the legitlations cau-tioned that the alks had fallen apart at least once alread, several weeks ago, and that there was to guarantee that a final agreement would be reached.

QVC, which arried \$59 million on revenues of \$1.2 illion in the most recent

fiscal year, oprates two home-shopping channels that ell consumer products like

jewelty, electionics and housewares on programs that are transmitted by satellite and carried if cable television systems.

For Mr. Iller, who fought and lost an aggressive tittle to gain control of Paramount Connunications earlier this year,

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money. "He is coming to give the people hope," he said. "To tell them, 'Here I

For the Palestinians, Mr. Arafat's triumphal visit goes to the heart of one of the deepest and most enduring emotions they have carried since the humiliation and exodus of 1948 - the hope of return.

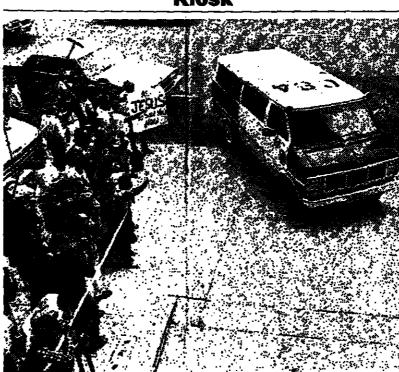
It is not so much a practical reality any longer - many Palestinians have long

use. The visit was not really about since given up any hope of regaining their He is coming to give the people homes and lands. Rather, it is a dream about recovering from a dark chapter of

In the last two months, one of the littlenoticed but powerful images rippling through Palestinian society has been the stream of people coming from abroad and from Israeli prisons.

Hardly a village or a large clan has been See ARAFAT, Page 12

Kiosk



CLOSER LOOK — A police van carrying O.J. Simpson to a courthouse in Los Angeles on Thursday for a hearing to decide whether he can be tried for murder. Court documents indicate a bloodstained glove seen at his home resembled one found where his former wife was killed. Page 3.

Whitewater Inquiry Grinds Ahead

CBS and Shopping Network

Near a \$6.4 Billion Merger

Findings: No Tie to Suicide, Medings Weren't Illegal

By Susan Schmidt

WASHINGTON - The special counsel in the Whitewater investigation, issuing his first findings Thursday, said he would not bring criminal charges over White House contacts with Treasury officials about an inquiry into a savings and loan association.

The counsel, Robert B. Fiske Jr., also said that a White House lawyer, Vincent

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W. Fost Jr., did in fact kill himself and that the was no evidence that concern over Witewater contributed to the sui-

Mr. ske issued a two-page summary of a gran ury probe into what he said were more an 20 contacts between White Househol Treasury Department officials to disss the civil and criminal investigations. Whitewater being conducted by the Rolution Trust Corp., which was run by biolitical appointees at Treasury for the fit 14 months of the Clinton adminis-

have concluded that the evidence is insuccient to establish that anyone within the litte House or the Department of the Treury acted with the intent to corruptly infence an RTC investigation," said Mr. Fig in a written statement. "We express nopinion on the propriety of these meetor whether anything that occurred at See CLINTON, Page 12

U.S. Weighs Trade Sanctions on China

failed to properly protect U.S. patents public procurement policies. (Page 13)

The U.S. targeted China for possible trade sanctions on Thursday in a dispute over allegations that Beijing has Tokyo in a separate dispute on Japan's

Airbus Test Jet Crashes, Killing Crew

An Airbus A-330 passenger plane un-dergoing tests crashed Thursday shortly after takeoff from the airport in Toulouse, France, killing all crew members. There were conflicting reports about the number of crew members. The regional rescue service said there were five; Airbus said there were seven. The plane crashed in an uninhabited area just beyond the end of the ranway. The cause of the crash was not immediately

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Is the Turmoil New Cabinet Just a Bit Too In Tokyo Un-Japanese Unites Once For the Nation? Bitter Foes

By Paul Blustein Washington Past Service

Washington Pair Servee
TOKYO — For months, Japanese like
Takao Sato have been watching their nation's once-staid politics turn more and
more impredictable. But nothing had quite
prepared Mr. Sato, a publishing company
executive, for Wednesday night's televised
spectacle of the Social Democratic Party
leader, Tomiichi Murayama, winning a
parliamentary vote for the prime ministership with the support of the conservative
Liberal Democratic Party.

"I'm a person who prefers a bit of tumult in politics to stability," said Mr. Sato.

"But what is happening now is so unJapanese." When he saw the Liberal Democrats, who governed Japan from 1955 to

ocrats, who governed Japan from 1955 to

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1993, return to power by backing the leftist Mr. Murayama, "I felt appalled," he said. Mr. Sato's unease reflected a view much in evidence here Thursday, that Japanese politics is becoming a little too bizarre for the country's good, not to mention its international image.

Amid the bewilderment spawned by

Wednesday night's tangled developments, this much appears certain: Japan now faces a sort of double whammy in which

political instability continues to paralyze policy-making while at the same time the fledgling reform movement is rolled back. Although hopes remain for a reformed political and economic system emerging from the confusion in the loag term, the prospects are growing ever murkier.

The Liberal Democrats and the Socialists for all their redictional entires do.

ists, for all their traditional enmity, do share a penchant for the old style of spe-cial-interest politics, and as a result, they are likely to do as much to subvert reform as they think they can get away with.
"Basically, this cabinet is a cabinet of
those who favor the status quo," noted a

Foreign Ministry official. Not that the reform forces have been

vanquished. They can find ample rays of hope in what is happening.

The Liberal Democrats have taken a

huge gamble by supporting Mr. Murayama for the premiership; he lacks any government experience and is widely regarded as a heaitant, albeit pleasant leader. If he proves mept, or if his leftist proclivities cause problems between Japan and the United States in international matters such as the North Korean nuclear program, the Liberal Democrats stand to get a are or the c

Moreover, the Liberal Democrats looked close to undergoing a fatal rupture Wednesday night — just the sort of devel-opment dreamed of by reformers like Ichiro Ozawa, the chief strategist of former Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata, who has long sought to lure the pro-reform members among the Liberal Democrats away from the party.

The party's decision to back Mr. Murayama caused Toshiki Kaifu, a well-liked former prime minister, to bolt and run for the job himself as the reformers' standardbearer. Supporting him were such influen-tial Liberal Democrats as Yasuhiro Nakasone, another former premier, and former Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe, a major party faction leader.
The more party realignment, the more

chaos, the better in the long term for reform," said Takashi Inoguchi, a Tokyo University political scientist.

The prospects for reform may hinge on what the new government does. Under one dark scenario for the reformers, the ruling

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Continuity Is Indicated As Socialist Chooses 13 Liberal Democrats

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service

TOKYO — Japan's new Social Democratic prime minister appointed a cabinet on Thursday in which which most important positions went to members of the conservative Liberal Democratic Party, a signal that the new government might not make radical departures from past poli-

The naming of the new cabinet by Tomiichi Murayama helped quell a bit of the sense of panic and outrage that accompanied his election Wednesday night by an almost-unthinkable partnership of Socialists and Liberal Democrats.

Some of the cabinet members, in their introductory press conferences, issued assurances that they would maintain continuity with the policies of previous governments, particularly in foreign affairs. Mr. Murayama suggested to reporters Wednes-day night that he would not undo the electoral system reform that was perhaps the most significant accomplishment of

the previous ruling coalition.

A sense of relief of the business community, which had been aghast at the idea a Socialist leader, was reflected in the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

When trading opened, the market went into "Murayama shock," with the Nikkei average quickly plunging more than 200 points. But by the end of the day the market had rebounded and closed at 20,643.93, up 162.93 But the dollar closed at a new low for Tokyo of 98.95 yen.

In addition to being cheered by the news that the cabinet would be dominated by the pro-business Liberal Democrats, investors were encouraged that the cabinet was formed so quickly, dispelling some fears that the new coalition would be marked by bitter infighting.

Still, many important policies, particularly concerning Japan's attitude toward the North Korean crisis and its willingness

to cooperate with Washington militarily, remain in doubt. The new ministers do not seem to place much priority on economic deregulation either. Most observers taink it is only a matter of time before the archrivals for 40 years, are at each other's

In the new cabinet, Yohei Kono, president of the Liberal Democratic Party, will be deputy prime minister and foreign minister. Ryutaro Hashimoto, a Liberal Democrat stalwart who has had several cabinet positions, was named to head the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. The new finance minister is Masayoshi Take-mura, chairman of the Harbinger Party, a smaller party that is also in the new coali-

The Socialists took over the Construction Ministry, which regulates the industry that traditionally has been a huge contributor, sometimes illegally, to politicians.

Mr. Murayama had said he would create a "dovish" cabinet, implying one that be-lieved Japan should not change its pacifist constitution and should not send troops

Mr. Kono, the foreign minister, and Mr. Takemura, the finance minister, fit that description. But Tokuichiro Tamazawa, See JAPAN, Page 12

North and South Haggling Over Iffy' Korea Summit

By William Branigin

SEOUL - When senior North Korean negotiators visited this bustling South Korean capital for the first time in the early 1970s, one of their first acts was to issue a strong protest because there were so many cars on the streets.

It was absurd, the delegation com-plained, that the South Korean govern-ment had brought all the vehicles in the country to Seoul just to show off during the North Koreans' visit.

According to a South Korean official who related this anecdote, senior North Koreans are more savvy about such things these days. In fact, he said, they are pain-fully aware of just how far the stunted economy of their Stalinist country has fallen behind the booming, capitalist South, especially since the 1970s.

But there is some skepticism here about whether the word has filtered up to 82year-old Kim Il Sung, the self-styled "great leader" of North Korea's isolationist "workers' paradise," and whether a visit to Seoul might prove too much of a shock for

The question arises after an agreement between North and South Korea to hold their first summit meeting after nearly half-a century of conflict and Cold War confrontation. South Korea wants that meeting, scheduled for July 25 to 27 in the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, to be followed by a return summin meeting hosted, for symmetry's sake, by President Kim Young Sam in Seoul But in long, wangling Tuesday, the North Koreans missted

on leaving the matter for the two leaders to settle in Pyongyang.

"For both of these exotic creatures to be in heat simultaneously is a miracle," a diplomat said. "But whether they produce an offspring is a very iffy proposition."

One source of uncertainty is a series of conflicting signals from Pyongyang about the summit meeting and a high-level nego-nating session in Geneva on July 8 with U.S. officials on North Korea's nuclear program. At Geneva, the United States is expected to ask the North to surrender reactor fuel rods to a third country.

In what South Korean officials took as an encouraging sign Tuesday, huge propaganda loudspeakers on the northern side of the border stopped using such terms as "traitor" and "bandit" to refer to the South Korean president In addition, Kim Il Sung was quoted as telling a Chinese military delegation Wednesday that "the situation in the Korean peninsula has been cased and is moving in a positive direc-

On Thursday, however, North Korean radio warned that U.S. military moves, including a congressional vote to raise milinny spending in South Korea and the dispatch of two minesweepers here, threatened the July 2 talks, Reuters reported. Even if the talks resumed, favorable results are not expected because of the developments," the radio said.

Behind the uncertainty over such issues and the prospect of Kim II Sung's visit to Secul analysis say, are considerable doubts that the two sides are yet ready to

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By Lee Hockstader

Washington Post Service MOSCOW - The head of the the nerable to terrorists and criminal terrorism."

was at risk, as suggested U.S. reports stallations, and statements by U.S. officials. In a Sens

By David B. Ottaway

ian Socialist Party's commit-

partner and the leader of its

The Socialists, who won a

landslide victory last month in

parliamentary elections, signed

a binding economic and politi-

cal pact with the center-left Ai-

liance of Free Democrats that is

the basis of the new coalition to

parties to a "reinforcement of

the market economy" that de-

pends heavily, as one Free

Democrat put it on "a version

of supply-side economics" that

uses tax breaks and private investment incentives to cure

In the topsy-turvy economic world of post-Cold War East-

em Europe, it seems only fitting

that the Socialists - a party of

former Communists who now

proclaim zeal for free-market

values — should promise to

complete the dismantling of the

deficit-ridden state-run economy that many of them helped

Led by Prime Minister-desig-

nate Gyula Horn, the Socialists

have pledged to improve on the

performance of the center-right

government, which is leaving

office with a \$3 billion budge

deficit, 20 percent inflation and

The Socialist-Free Democrat pact calls for an immediate cut-

back in government spending to

reduce the deficit by \$480 mil-

lion; an increase in the value-

added tax on consumer goods:

the elimination of a 2 percent

company turnover tax and of a

10 percent fee on currency de-

posits and capital gains earn-

ings, and an end to subsidies for

Commercial banks would be

privatized or forced out of busi-ness, as would many of the 160

remaining big state companies.

This ambitious program, if

implemented, is certain to raise

the price of food and consumer

goods and to wipe out the jobs

of many state-sector employees.

Yet during the spring election

campaign, the Socialists were

promising voters that they

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The pact commiss the two

take power in mid-July.

leftist labor confederation.

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BUDAPEST — The Hungar-

Hungarians Wary

As Coalition Nears

Doubts Rise on Reform Vows

ment to an ambitious free-mar-ket program is already being questioned by both its junior will continue to push for re-forms when the going gets tough and their core constituen-

that nuclear materials in Russia could materials threatened an "era of anar-

fall into the wrong hands. Tass said Mr. Stepashin had indicat-

roups. "Otherwise," it quoted Mr. Stepa"We cannot
Sergei Stepashin, chief of the Russhin, "the FBI's interest in the issue ty," he added. sia's Federal Counterintelligence Ser- may be interpreted by the Russian vice, said Wednesday he does not be-political opposition as a desire to eslieve that Russia's nuclear stockpile tablish U.S. control over nuclear in-

In a Senate hearing in Washington Mr. Stepashin, whose remarks were reported by the Russian Tass news agency, is not the first high-ranking Russian security official to offer such ssurances. "the greatest long-term threat to the But his comments come shortly be-security of the United States."

would cut unemployment and

cies, such as labor unions, balk. Sandor Nagy, the head of Hungary's main labor confed-

eration and one of 10 union

leaders elected to Parliament on the Socialist ticket, said in an

interview Tuesday that he is

worried about some of conces-

sions his party made in its pact

and other mainstream Socialists

differ with the party's reformist

wing on a number of important issues. He questioned whether

privatization should move

ahead full steam and suggested

that bankruptcy laws should be

relaxed to extend the life of

Nor does it make sense, he

troubled state-run enterprises.

said, to close failing companies

if the result costs the govern-

ment more in spending for so-

cial security, unemployment

and pension payments.

Last month. Laszlo Bekesi.

the Socialists' chief economist

and finance minister-designate.

said in an interview that it

might be necessary to close as

many as 50 deficit-ridden state

enterprises, putting 100,000 to 150,000 people out of work.

Took Guns From

Ouarantine Areas

who live in the breakaway Kra-

jina region in Croatia have

towed about 20 heavy weapons away from United Nations-

monitored quarantine depots to

turn them over to rebel Mus-

lims in the Bihac pocket of Bos-

nia, UN officials said Thurs-

United Nations forces moni-

Mr. Abdic, a Muslim busi-

with Bosnian Serbs. He favors

compromise with the Serbs to

civil conflict.

toring the storage depots saw

the Serbs move tanks and heavy

artillery into territory of Bosnia

controlled by Fikret Abdic.

ZAGREB. Croatia - Serbs

UN Says Serbs

Mr. Nagy indicated that he

with the Free Democrats.

raise pensions and wages. The question being asked here is whether the Socialists chic proliferation."

successor agency to the KGB has cast ed he was going to ask Mr. Freeh to yet that Russian gangs had smuggled doubt on U.S. assertions that Russia's provide documents or any other mate- nuclear weapons or materials out of nuclear weapons and materials are vul-rial "confirming the threat of nuclear the country or were trying to supply terrorist groups.

We cannot rule out the possibili-

The statements by Mr. Freeh and Mr. Woolsey aroused publicity and alarm in Washington. However, at the same hearing at which Mr. Freeh spoke. Mikhail Yegorov, Russia's chief

weapons or materials from Russia as the greatest long-term threat to the security of the United States."

On Monday, the director of central intelligence, R. James Woolsey Jr. told of high! e. rice ed materials required the security of the kinds of high! e. rice ed materials required the security of the kinds of high! e. rice ed materials required the security of the kinds of high! e. rice ed materials required the security of the kinds of high! e. rice ed materials required the security of the kinds of high! e. rice ed materials required the security of the kinds of high! e. rice ed materials required the security of the kinds of high! e. rice ed materials required the security of the securit

Mr. Freeh's visit to Russia, which starts Saturday, caps a nine-country But he said there was no evidence swing through Europe and the former Soviet Union intended to focus attention on increased threats from international crime groups, terrorism and drug trafficking.

> The trip comes as the FBI, the CIA and other federal crime-fighting and intelligence agencies are under pres-sure to trim their budgets and develop new missions in the aftermath of the

> Mr. Freeh is expected to meet here with top Russian law enforcement officials, including Mr. Stepashin and Mr. Yegorov, and to open a permanent FBI office in the U.S. Embassy.

On top of the widely shared percepfore the arrival in Moscow of Louis J.

Freeh, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who has said his top priority would be to deal with the peril of the Office States of the Office State

the explosive political effects of soaring crime in Russia.

More than any other issue, law and order was mentioned by Russians who voted last December for Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the ultranationalist whose declarations includes vows to execute criminals leaders in the streets.

Mr. Zhirinovsky's popularity among voters appears to have faded, but law and order still rank high with voters.

President Boris N. Yeltsin has issued an anti-crime decree and vowed tough action against gangs. The decree, which took effect Monday, allows the police to hold suspects for up to 30 days without charges and gives them expanded powers to search homes and

There has been an outery from critics who say the decree opens the way for abuses. But the public appears to

WORLD BRIEFS

Yeltsin Gets Major Role at G-7 Talks WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Boris N. Yeltsin will

take part for the first time in political talks in Naples by leaders of the seven major industrial nations and he will also join in the group's joint declaration, the White House national security adviser said Thursday.

The adviser, W. Anthony Lake, discussing the G-7 summit meeting that begins July 8, said Mr. Yeltsin would be given a role never before accorded a Russian leader.

"For the first time, on the last day, President Yeltsin will participate in the discussions of political issues as a real participant." Mr. Lake said. "He was there as a visitor" in the past. Mr. Lake said. "Now he is a participant in the formal political discussions on the last day."

Labor Tension Rises in South Korea

SEOUL (AP) - Thousands of workers at South Korea's second-largest auto plant began a partial walkout Thursday amid signs that the current wave of labor unrest may escalate. Government officials said the strike at Kia Motors Co. is legal but might adversely affect labor disputes at other work sites.

Disputes involving six major companies, including Kumho and Co., the nation's second-largest tire maker, already have cost South Korea \$72 million in lost production and \$12 million in exports, officials said. In addition, Hyundai Heavy Industries, the world's largest shipyard, is strikebound.

Government statistics show that 45 labor disputes have broken out so far this year, 23 in June alone. But, on Thursday, union leaders announced the end of a weeklong subway and rail strike that had crippled the nation's transportation system.

Briton Hints at Progress in EU Feud

LONDON (AP) — Britain and Germany are still in disagreement about a new president for the European Commission. Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd indicated Thursday, but he hinted that there was a "reasonable chance" the dispute will be resolved within two weeks.

The German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, said that the spirit of discussions he had here with Mr. Hurd "offered some ground

At the European Union summit meeting on Corfu last week-end, Prime Minister John Major vetoed Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene of Belgium as the successor to Jacques Delors. Mr. Dehaene had been backed by Germany and the other 10 EU

U.K. to Send IRA Prisoners to Belfast

LONDON (Reuters) — IRA prisoners serving jail sentences in Britain are to be transferred to Northern Ireland, a government

department said Thursday.

Up to 30 prisoners from the Irish Republican Army, which is battling to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, have applied to the Home Office to be moved to the province. "I can confirm that some decisions have been taken on that matter," a spokeswoman for the Northern Ireland Office said.

Angola Reports Victory Over Rebels

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — Government troops have taken control of the city of Kuito after months of fierce fighting with UNITA rebels, the government radio said Thursday.

"We are pursuing the enemy in the surrounding area, and we can guarantee that the defensive ring around the city will be widened," the radio's Kuito correspondent reported. It was not possible to confirm the report independently.

Kuito, 670 kilometers (415 miles) southeast of Luanda, is a key central highlands city near the rebel headquarters of Huambo. It has been under siege by UNITA, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, for 15 months.

Correction

In an article in Thursday's editions about reaction to the election of the new Japanese prime minister, a statement about the possible impact on U.S.-Japan trade talks was misattributed. A Foreign Ministry official said he thought the Americans would "show understanding of the political situation in Japan and be good enough to wait for the dust to settle."

TRAVEL UPDATE

France Tightens Drunk-Driving Law

PARIS (AFP) - With millions of French poised to hit the highways for summer vacation, the transport minister has issued a reminder that it will be easier for the police to make drunk-driving

As of July 11, the legal limit for people who drink and drive in France is 0.7 grams of alcohol per liter of blood. That is down from 0.8 grams a liter under a bill passed in December.

Transport and Tourism Minister Bernard Bosson said the new ratio means that with each meal, drivers should limit themselves to an aperitif and half a bottle of wine. With drunken driving blamed for 40 percent of highway deaths in France, Mr. Bosson said. "the new restriction seems only logical." From June 1, 1993, to May 31 of this year, 8,824 people died on French highways, he said.

Greece on Thursday put a levy on leisure boats to fund its drive to clean up Aegean beaches and resorts. The tax is 1000 drachmas [\$4.12] a month for each meter of a boat's length, rising to 2,500 rachmas a meter for vessels longer than 15 meters. (Reuters) The Dead Sea Scrolls went on display at the Vatican on hursday. The exhibition of 12 fragmentary manuscripts and chaeological artifacts from the Dead Sea site at Qumran will

main on show for three months. Turkey has increased security at tourist sites after a string of crorist attacks by Kurdish guerrillas.

letnam Airlines will start regular flights to Western Europe on Juy I, Hanoi's Vietnam News reported Thursday. The airline will flywice a week from Hanoi to Berlin and Paris. (Bloomberg)

Southern Yemeni defenders taking a break Thursday during a lull in the fighting that surrounded the port of Aden.

For Yemen, a New Peacekeeping Tactic

By Richard D. Lyons

New Fork Time: Service
UNITED NATIONS, New York -Torn between a desire to stop the worsening civil war in Yemen and yet not commit troops under United Nations command because of the mounting costs and complexities of peacekeeping operations, the Security Council has approved the deployment of a small international force to monitor a cease-fire.

A unilateral cease-fire was called by the government of Yemen, which is seeking to subdue rebel forces in the breakaway area of southern Yemen. The revels

[The truce collapsed after five hours on Thursday, Reuters reported, A Southern official said he ordered his forces to counterattack after what he called repeated provocation.

[The rival factions also signed a Russian-mediated cease-fire on Thursday that was to take effect at midnight.] The UN force is expected to be com-

mainly from Jordan and Oman but with a few from the United States and France. The vote represents a small but per-haps significant political victory for the United States.

posed of several dozen military officers,

The Clinton administration is seeking to maneuver the UN into nudging re-

gional governments toward settling local disputes themselves without resorting to international involvement, especially in complicated and protracted civil wars. Indeed, a senior American diplomat called the civil war in Yemen "an impen-

etrable mess" on Tuesday in outlining Washington's policy. In taking its action on Wednesday, the Security Council avoided the issue of putting together another observer force

under UN command. About 70,000 UN peacekeepers are now deployed in political hotspots around the world at an annual cost of about \$3 billion.

After the vote, Madeleine K. Albright the U.S. representative to the UN. said Washington "is keenly sensitive to limits on the financial, material and human resources of the United Nations." Before the Security Council vote, Sec-

retary-General Butros Butros Ghali called the living conditions in the be-sieged city of Aden intolerable, with most of its 400.000 residents without electric power and water. The International Red Cross said it

was sending two relief ships to Aden from the port of Djibouti, about 325 kilometers (200 miles) away. The Red Cross said one vessel was carrying equipment to help restore the water supply while the other was loaded with vehicles and medical sur

Mr. Butros Ghali reiterated his plea for another cease-fire - there have been six since the Security Council called for halt in fighting on June 1 after it resumed in earnest - and again begged both sides to sit down and settle their differences.

A major stumbling point is how a cease-fire can be sustained over a period long enough to allow the two sides to work out their differences.

UN Blames Hutu for Rwanda Genocide

GENEVA - The massacres engulfing Rwanda are a prenessman, has broken with the planned and systematically co-Muslim political leadership in ordinated campaign of geno-Bosnia in their continuing war cide, a UN report said Thursday.

The report by a special investigator. René Degni-Segui, put put an end to the prolonged the blame clearly on Hutu-"We are closely monitoring forces. He said international the deployment of those tanks war crimes charges should be and heavy artillery pieces." a brought against those responsi-I'N official said. "None of ble. It was the most damning them have been used in fighting indictment to date by the United Nations of the Hutu-led in-Under a January 1992 peace terim government and army in

plan for Croats and the Krajina Rwanda. It was also the first time an Serbs, United Nations representatives were supposed to official UN report supported guard heavy weapons that had what many observers believed been turned in to depots.

- that the death of the Rwan-

dan president in a mysterious plane crash on April 6 was an excuse for, but not the cause of, the ethnic bloodbath.

Mr. Degni-Segui, dean of the law faculty at Abidjan University in Ivory Coast, put the death toil at 200,000 to 500,000 but said this was very conservative. He cited estimates from observers on the spot that I million people could have been

He said the slaughter of mi-nority Tutsi by the majority Hutu was true genocide, as defined by UN conventions.

"It is uncertain whether we will ever know the number of victims," Mr. Degni-Segui said. "But what is certain is that the international community is assisting in a human tragedy which seems to have been well orchestrated.

He said in the absence of a permanent international war crimes court, the United Nations should either set up temporary jurisdiction to bring the service said there were five; Airguilty to justice or extend the bus said there were seven. tribunal for the former Yugoslavia to cover Rwanda.

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Mr. Degni-Segui, who was scope of the massacres all appointed special investigator pointed to the fact that the at an emergency UN Human Rights Commission session last the April plane crash. month, based his report on interviews with aid workers. UN officials and a visit to Rwanda that it only took a few hours to

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It did not attribute blame for the plane crash but pointed out His report said the hate cam- set up an interim Hutu governpaign by Hutu radio, the mass ment and that militia barridistribution last year of weap- cades went up in Kigali even ons, intense training for militia- before the death of President men between November and Juvenal Habyarimana was an-

Airbus A-330 Crashes During a Test, Killing Crew

TOULOUSE, France - An Airbus A-330 passenger plane undergoing tests crashed Thursday shortly after takeoff from the Toulouse airport, kill-

ing all crew members on board. There were conflicting reports about the number of crew members. The regional rescue The plane crashed in an uninhabited area just beyond the planes are in commercial ser-

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end of the runway. The cause was not immediately known. Airbus jets are assembled at an Aerospatiale SA facility near the Toulouse airport.

The A-330 is a two-engine, long-distance airliner that was introduced in November 1992. It has a capacity of 295 to 440 passengers, depending on seating configuration.

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vice, tree with France's Air In- of the A-330 with U.S.-made ter all two with Ireland's Aer Pratt and Whitney engines that had not yet gone into service.

> a plane bound for Marseille had to return to Paris in mid-flight on Jan. 28 because it could not retract its landing gear. It was, the third time the plane hadexperienced problems of this:

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Free Bullets Attract Shots

WASHINGTON - Budget-cutters took aim at a \$2.5 million program that bestows free bullets to aspiring young shooters - and missed by a mile.

On a voice vote, the House refused to kill the Civilian Marksmanship Program, which teaches people how to shoot by giving away own people to try to assist me in that effort, some 40 million rounds of ammunition to sure. Mr. Panetta replied.

Although the program has long drawn fire-from opponents who argue that the government should not be in the gun-lesson business, Congress voted last year to commue subsidizing the summer marksmanship train-

ing camps.

Critics call it a subsidy for gun clubs. Supporters say the program teaches gun safety. One of the most important lessons we can teach is respect and proper use of a weapon." said Representative Marcy Kaptur, Democrat of Ohio.

The program was created in 1903 because of a problem the Army encountered during the Spanish-American War. Recruits did not know how to shoot.

The people of this country are asking us to get the guns off the streets and the violence out of the neighborhoods," countered Repre-sentative Nydia Velazquez, Democrat of New York. "They certainly are not asking us to give away 40 million rounds of ammunition."

The program's supporters included Representative Paul E Gillmor, Republican of Ohio, whose district includes Camp Perry, where the program's annual competition is

"We're very happy. We're O.K. for another year," Mr. Gillmor said after the vote. (AP)

Panetta Finds Out Who's Boss

WASHINGTON - Leon E. Panetta, President Bill Clinton's new chief of staff, has said he demanded full authority over White House hiring and firing.

That did not prevent Mr. Panetta, while touching TV bases, from receiving a midnight telephone call from his boss to warn him to watch what he said regarding Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary.

An account provided by White House officials of that call and others during Mr. Panetta's first hours in office does not contradict his claim that he is in charge. However, it

how to use the telephone and the chain of

In his first public appearance after his appointment was announced, Mr. Panetta headed to the CNN studio for an appearance on "Larry King Live," where the questions awaiting him included one about whether he intended to bring in his own press secretary. "Obviously, I'm going to bring in some of my

Moments later, when asked directly whether Ms. Myers might be replaced, Thomas F. gram, said it would be important to put in place "the right team for the White House at this time." Mr. Panetta did nothing to clarify his own remark or Mr. McLarty's, which set off the following chain reaction:

• From the West Wing of the White House, press aide quickly sent word by pager to a colleague traveling with Mr. Clinton's party in New York that Mr. Panetta had suggested

that Ms. Myers' job was in question.

• The news was relayed to Jeffrey Eller, a White House official who was acting as press secretary for the president's appearance at a

Democratic fund-raiser. Mr. Eller briefed Bruce Lindsey, a senior adviser who is Mr. Chinton's constant traveling companion.

Mr. Lindsey huddled with Harold M. Ickes, the deputy chief of staff who had come to New York for the fund-raiser.

• Together, they reviewed a transcript of Mr. Panetta's remarks, then showed it to Mr. Clinton as he headed back to Air Force One about 11:30 P.M. • From the plane, Mr. Clinton telephoned

who had just wound up his second television appearance of the night, on ABC's "Night-

• The president then called Mr. Panetta,

 Mr. Panetta quickly telephoned the press secretary at her home after midnight to assure her that he meant no harm.

The next day Mr. Panetta telephoned The Associated Press to proclaim: "I have full confidence in Dee Dee." (NYT)

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Vice President Al Gore.

Bloodstained Glove Is Presented in Simpson Case

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - A bloodstained glove was found outside O.J. Simpson's home, resembling one found at the scene where his former wife and a friend of hers were killed, court documents indicated Thursday.

At a hearing on motions in the case. attorneys unveiled a list of more than 100 pieces of evidence, from blood and hairs to leather gloves and a cigarette butt. And police officers on Thursday searched a vacant lot not far from Mr. Simpson's Los Angeles home for more

At the hearing, prosecutors and Mr. Simpson's attorneys clashed over how many of Mr. Simpson's hairs should be provided as evidence in the June 12 slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, 25.

Judge Kathleen Kennedy-Powell of the Municipal Court ordered that Mr. Simpson provide up to 10 hairs for tests to see whether they match hair found near the bodies. Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark sought a hundred or so, saying several should be tested from each area of his head. Mr. Simpson's attorney asked that only one strand be

A possibly more significant dispute emerged in a court filing on Wednesday -a defense motion seeking exclusion of

evidence seized hours after the slayings. Lawyers for Mr. Simpson, a former football star and film and television personality, filed court papers arguing that key pieces of evidence should be thrown out on the grounds that they were obtained without a warrant. The court papers said detectives stumbled onto evidence from Mr. Simpson's home when

former wife's death. Mr. Simpson was not home at the time.

Among the evidence detailed Thursday were what were described as red stains on Mr. Simpson's driveway, on a nearby curb, in the master bedroom and bathroom, as well as numerous stains on Mr. Simpson's Ford Bronco - on the driver's door, instrument panel, driverside floor, driver's seat and steering

A police affidavit separately referred to "blood droplets" leading from the Bronco to Mr. Simpson's front door.

"During the securing of the residence, a man's leather glove, containing human blood was also observed on the south side of the residence. This glove closely resembled a brown leather glove located at the crime scene at the feet" of Mr. Goldman, the affidavit said.

Police officers, meanwhile, conducted

The court hearing on various motions prosecutors and defense could test them search the fenced-in grounds of Mr. independently. A preliminary hearing Simpson's estate without a warrant. scheduled to begin Thursday, at which Judge Kennedy-Powell would begin considering whether to hold Mr. Simpson for trial, did not start because the motions were discussed instead.

The court heard from Michele Kestler, an assistant director of the Los Angeles Police Department's crime lab. She described various pieces of evidence and how many samples can be shared with the defense for independent analy-

Live Coverage Bumps the 'Soaps'

NEW YORK - The major U.S. television networks planned to preempt their usual daytime fare of soap operas and games shows on Thursday to offer continuous live coverage of the preliminary hearing in the O.J. Simpson murder

In a sign of how the case has riveted the public's — and the networks' — attention, ABC, CBS, and NBC all said they would have their major evening news presenters anchoring the coverage estimated 95 million U.S. viewers.

from New York. CNN also planned

continuous coverage.

NBC, which had planned to divide coverage between the hearing and the Wimbledon tennis tournament, announced Wednesday that it would stay with the Simpson case all day, airing a "highlight match" during the hearing's

lunch break. It will be the second Simpson drama

they went there to inform him of his former wife's death. Mr. Simpson was an investigation at a vacant lot in Brent- She also backed up the prosecution's wood not far from Mr. Simpson samples of a sus-The police have been looking for the pect's hair are needed for a good comweapon used in the slayings. It is be-parison with samples of hair from a lieved to be a 15-inch (40-centimeter) crime scene. She said 30 to 100 hairs are the scientifically accepted norm.

The defense motion to suppress evidealt mostly with pieces of evidence and dence was filed Wednesday. It contendwhether they could be split so that both ed it was improper for detectives to

> The motion said police went there at 5 A.M. on June 13 to tell Mr. Simpson of his former wife's death, found the house locked and got no response from a gate intercom. The police got a phone number from a home security company that rang at an answering machine, the mo-

"Rather than leave a message, one of the detectives climbed over the 5-foot wall protecting the defendant's resi-dence, opened the gate and admitted the remaining detectives," the motion said.

The detectives searched the house and at some point roused one of Mr. Simpson's daughters, who was sleeping there. At 7:30 A.M. they told her that she had to leave so the premises could be searched, the motion said.

Another guest was detained and removed from the house, it said.

The police eventually found out that Mr. Simpson was on a business trip to Chicago, contacted him and he agreed to

The search warrant was not obtained to play itself out on live television: His until 10:45 A.M., Mr. Simpson's lawyers flight from the police after being stated. The lawyers argued that the law charged with murder was seen by an does not permit warrantless entries,

Sheriff Sherman Block of Los Angeles County on O.J. Simpson's deportment in jail: "All reports I've received are that he's a model inmate. He doesn't make demands." makes it clear that the president still knows Split Supreme Court Upholds

preme Court, in a 6-to-3 decion the court:

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The high court said, however, that an order preventing pro-testers from approaching pa-tients within 100 yards of a chn-tients within 100 yards of a chnic went too far, hampering tion opponents and cheered by speech rights more than neces- abortion rights advocates. sary to prevent intimidation and assure access to the clinic. m

Overall, the court gave judges strong authority to check all sorts of demonstrations, leading dissenting justices to say the court "has left a powerful loaded weapon lying about today that could be used to squeich the speech of protesters of all sentiments.

In other rulings on the last day of the term, the justices:

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be and that it would work out at the clinic.

"You can't give people your message when you have to stay 36 feet away," said Mathew Staver, a lawyer who had represented the protesters.

Eleanor Smeal, president of est the Feminist Majority Foundation, which had helped defend the clinic, said the decision was "a good omen for the 40 other local and state injunctions ir place" at the nation's abortion clinics."

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Thursday was also Justice and counseling services.

Protest Curb on Abortion Foes on the bench. In a letter he read da judge had specifically or-Washington Peat Service aloud to his colleagues, Justice dered anti-abortion protesters away from the Melbourne clinic, the order was not targeting a particular content or viewpoint,

but instead disruptive activities. He said the order did not prohibit demonstrations in fajudges may keep protesters there was the conviction that from coming within 12 yards of this was the way it was meant to demonstrations had been held

strictest standards for regulations that infringe on speech rights. The test for a "contentnentral order," he said, is whether it burdens "no more speech than necessary to serve a ignificant government inter-

While the standard that Justice Rehnquist adopted gives judges great leeway, he noted that action by the courts demands greater scrutiny than legislatures, which might create

buffer zones through statute.

The court upheld another part of the order that restrained protesters from chanting. shouting, using bullhorns and making other loud noises within earshot of the patients.

"The First Amendment does not demand that patients at a medical facility undertake Herculean efforts to escape the cacophony of political protests," Justice Rehnquist wrote.

Big Boost In Congress For Space Station

By Eric Pianin

WASHINGTON - The House of Representatives has voted overwhelmingly to con-tinue financing the \$28 billion space station project, bowing to an intense lobbying effort by aerospace industry jobs.

The once seemingly doomed project — it barely survived last year by a single vote — was approved, 278 to 155, Wednesday after the White House and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials waged a vigorous six-month

campaign to turn the tide. Vice President Al Gore said the strong vote "clears the way for a new era of space exploration and cooperation with our international partners, including Russia."

Critics, led by two first-term representatives, Timothy J. Roemer, Democrat of Indiana. and Dick Zimmer, Republican of New Jersey, dismissed the space station project as "bad science." They also termed it an enormous parasite" on financing that could better be used for other research or for reducing the budget deficit.

Since it was proposed by Ronald Reagan in 1984, the costly project has experienced scores of management and contracting problems and has be-come a favorite rhetorical target of fiscal conservatives.

But by dramatically revamping the design, trimming costs and entering a joint operational and cost-sharing agreement with the Russians, the Clinton administration and NASA won crucial converts in the House. Bill Richardson, Democrat

of New Mexico, a member of the House leadership who opposed the space station a year ago but voted for it Wednesday night, said many members were influenced by the administration's argument that the project was important to long-term relations with Russia.

The U.S. government has spent \$11.2 billion on the space station, which represents NA-SA's hopes for future manned space flight. Much of that money has gone for naught, and now the space agency wants to Dole's proposal would impose spend \$17.4 billion more to complete work on a huge 415ton manned research complex.

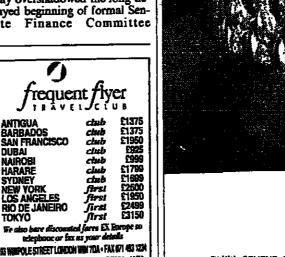
Mitterrand's prostate cancer has been contained and has not spread to any other part of his body, his doctors said Thursday. The French president had a prostate operation in September 1992. The doctors said the results of all other examinations were normal.

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President Clinton criticized whether his plan, which would Mr. Dole's proposal on Thurs- prohibit insurance companies day as "politics as usual" that from refusing coverage to peo-would do nothing for the mid-ple with existing medical probdle class and small business, lems, would not simply result in The Associated Press reported all other Americans with insurfrom Washington. ["It does a little bit for the cover these people. poor, it leaves all the powerful he was also asked why he vested interest groups with evhad abandoned his previous ad-

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Runoff Set in Ukraine Vote

The Associated Press

round of voting in Ukraine's

presidential election will take

place July 10, officials an-

nounced Thursday. The vote pits President Leonid M. Krav-

chuk against his former prime

minister, Leonid S. Kuchma.

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But since then, he has moved

posals.

GATE OF HOPE — A Haitian talking to a U.S. Consulate employee through the building's gate in Port-au-Prince this week. He and those lined up behind him are seeking U.S. visas, while others simply take to the sea to try to leave.

Dole Joins In With Own Health Care Bill

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By Adam Clymer New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The leader of the minority Republicans in the Senate, Bob Dole of Kansas, has moved to establish a strong conservative position on health care for himself and his party by marshaling broad Republican support for a plan that would widen access to insurance but would not promise

to insure all Americans. Republicans signed up as backers of the bill, giving it more Senate sponsors than any other health measure.

The support quickly established Senator Dole as a force on the issue by adding a new element to a debate that so far has been dominated by President Bill Clinton's proposal, a variety of Democratic alternatives that made only limited changes, and a moderate package that did not satisfy Republican conservatives. It plainly complicated the ef-

forts of Mr. Clinton and his supporters to get the Senate to versal coverage that would demost of their workers' health His announcement Wednes-

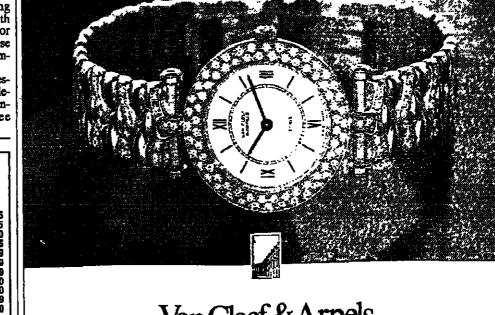
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Away From Politics

• A chain of psychiatric hospitals, National Medical Interprises Inc., has agreed to pay \$379 million in fine and penalties to settle federal charges that it provided unnecessary treatment to tens of thousands of patients to illegally ollect insurance money. It was described as the largest health care fraud settlement in U.S. history.

e The Johnson & Johnson Co. has begun shipping 1e first federally approved home-test kit for cholesterol. he kits, already on the shelves at some stores, are to be avriable at supermarkets and pharmacies nationwide for \$15 te\$20. A 12-year-old Brooklyn, New York, boy died afterceing hit by a ball thrown by a baseball pitching machine Michael Marano went into cardiac arrest when a pitch hit im in the

chest. He died at the hospital. Khalid Abdul Muhammad, former spokesman forhe Nation of Islam, has given his first speech since beingshot by a defrocked Nation of Islam minister in May. Mr. Auhammad, 43, came to the stage in Milwaukee in a wheelchir and told an audience of about 1,300 that the shooting hadrot dimmed

 A teenager was ordered tried as an adult in themarder of a 64-year-old German tourist near Idyllwild, Caliornia. Riverside Juvenile Court Judge Patrick Magers orderd 17-year-old Thongray Nilakout of Banning to be tried as a adult after a probation officer said the youth acknowledge shooting Gisela Pfleger in the back of the head. • Errors in the control tower contributed to a chision between

two aircraft that left 23 paratroopers dead Mrch 23 at Pope-

Air Force Base, North Carolina, military offials said. An F-16 fighter collided with a C-130 transpor as the planes attempted to land on the same runway. • The Environmental Protection Agency sal that beginning next year, it will require that gasoline used intreas with severe air pollution contain more oxygen, makin it burn cleaner, and that at least some of the additive corr from renewable. Sources. Currently, ethanol, which is produed from corn and also known as grain alcohol, is the only reswable oxygenate that can meet the volumes demanded byhe clean gasoline

Nation's Symbol, **Bald Eagle, Off Endangered List**

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The North American bald eagle symbol of the nation, but heavily hunted, poisoned by pesticides and facing extinction a generation ago --- has made a

Citing a three-decade campaign to rebuild eagle popula-tions across the United States, the Interior Department moved Thursday to reclassify the national emblem from "endangered" to the less urgent threatened" in all but three of the lower 48 states.

The eagle population in the continental United States, which numbered in the tens of thousands in the 1800s, sank to a low of 417 pairs in 1963. Since 1967, when U.S. officials first listed the eagles as endangered, their numbers have steadily ris-

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A Summit for the Koreas

Just three months ago North Korea was threatening to drown Scoul in a "sea of fire." But on Tuesday at the same table in Panmunjom, a North Korean official accepted his country's first summit meeting with South Korea, to be held July 25 to 27 in Pyongyang. The meeting flows from the recent developments that led North Korea and the United States to decide to resume negotiations in Geneva on July 8 on the security, political and economic terms by which the North might yield its nuclear option.

Kim Il Sung is founding father of the 48-year-old Communist regime in the North and perpetrator of massive aggression and terrorism against the South. He has audaciously reviled the South's Kim Young Sam as the "traitor" head of a "puppet" regime, preferring to deal directly with the United States. But Washington. faithful to its ally, insisted that Scoul be included. At that, Kim II Sung won a provision - that the summit be canceled in the event of a "provocative" act which gives him an opening to duck out. Nor would he accept giving his Korean partner the courtesy of a reciprocal visit. Perhaps he is reluctant to show the North's television audience the consumer-rich. democratic reality of a country he has depicted as miserable and oppressed.

For South Korea, the events following Jimmy Carter's mission to Pyongyang have been a sobering reminder of its conunuing dependency and vulnerability. This gives it an immense stake in broadening its own new channel to the North, even while making the military preparations essential for the coming test of wills. The immediate agenda includes family re-unions (for 40 years the North has kept millions of members of divided families from contacting kin in the South), economic ties and steps to take political and

military confrontation off a hair trigger. There is also a compelling longer-term agenda. Seoul must weigh the costs and benefits of pursuit of reunification - and of nonoursuit. It must calculate whether its conventional strength and American ties permit it to abandon the U.S. nuclear umbrella, which North Korea has made part of the price for its own nuclear disavowal. Looking at their power-packed region, some South Koreans wonder if the North Korean bomb program might not be changed from a threat in the hands of the North into a useful deterrent in the

hands of a reunified Korea. Merely to cite these questions is to indicate that South Korea's dealings with the North bear deeply on American interests.

- THE WASHINGTON POST. The Mismatch in Tokyo

Only a political party system in its death agony could produce a government like the one Japan's House of Representatives chose on Wednesday. In a desperation pact that could turn into a kind of slow mutual suicide. Tokyo's two largest traditional parties, the Liberal Democrats and the Socialists, joined forces to elect Tomiichi Murayama as Japan's first Socialist prime minister since the 1940s. Mr. Murayama represents the left wing of a leftist party, but he now must depend on rightwing remnants of Japan's main rightist party, the misleadingly named Liberal Democrats. It is a prescription for domestic and foreign policy paralysis and a serious blow to Clinton administration hopes

for cooperation on Korea and trade. Yet this unnatural alliance will probably accelerate Japan's political realignment, hastening the day of effective, re-sponsive government. Discontented members of both parties are already seeking a new political home. An ineffective coalition could alienate voters and strengthen the forces of reform.

The new partnership reflects the threeway breakdown of Japan's present legislature, the first since 1955 not dominated by the Liberal Democrats. With neither Liberal Democrats, Socialists nor the reform coalition originally put together by Morihiro Hosokawa holding a majority. exotic coalitions uniting parties with little in common are inevitable. But it would be

hard to imagine a more surrealistic arrangement than this Liberal Democratic-Socialist alliance. The Liberal Democrats' main claim to business and American support had always been their ability to keep the Socialists out of power. The Socialists' only consistent principle for 40 years has been to oppose the Liberal Democrats.

Both elements of the new ruling tandem are in decline. The Liberal Democrats have been reduced to a collection of factions whose loyalties shift on a day-today basis. Two of those factions bolted ranks before the Murayama vote, strengthening the reform alliance that now becomes the main opposition. And the So-cialists lost half their seats in last July's parliamentary elections, a fair verdict on their inability to adjust to changing times.

Both are likely to lose even more

ground after more representative electoral districts are drawn later this year. Unsurprisingly, Mr. Murayama has suggested that he may dissolve the Diet soon to permit one more race before redistricting. For now, the old-style politicians most threatened by the past year's political upheavals are enjoying a sweet revenge. Yet unless the Socialists and Liberal Democrats begin responding to an electorate that is fed up with corruption, a stagnant economy and high prices, the future of these uninspiring veterans looks anything but bright

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Clinton's Money Problem

President and Mrs. Clinton have every right to establish a legal defense fund. The \$1,000 limit is reasonable, and the ban on contributions from political action committees is commendable. But the decision to allow contributions by lobbyists and people who do business with the government illustrates again the Clintons' uncanny ability to make a mess of a bad situation. Is there no one in this White House who understands the erosive impact of the administration's habit of demanding full credit for half-measures?

Everyone in Washington knows who the lobbyists are and what interests they represent. Laundering their gifts through their personal checking accounts does not remove the taint from such contributions. They are intended to buy favor with a president who has shown himself all too willing to put his favor up for bids.

The proper course would be to rule out contributions from professional lobbyists. There is, of course, a reason for the decision not to. As individuals, lobbyists are dependable donors of so-called personal contributions. The Clintons choose not to deny themselves this guaranteed income stream from people who will contribute to a president because he is president, regardless of his party or whether they favor his policies. In other words, the Clintons once again have chosen dollars over the principles of ethical government

Their consistency in this regard is remarkable. Bill Clinton has let the House Democrats, led by their status quo speaker, make a mockery of his pledge to clean up political fund raising. He simply lacks the will and political clout to deny the members their annual dole from corporate

and union political action committees. The sellout has been even more blatant on "soft money" contributions - the huge gifts from corporations, unious and other special interests to the Democratic and Republican national committees. Al-

though Mr. Clinton promised to run the influence buyers out of politics, last Friday he said he had to let the Democratic National Committee take \$40 million in soft money because the Republicans were doing it, too. In other words, the candidate who sold himself as a leader who would shake up Washington instead came to Washington to copy the Republi-

cans. Now he tells us. There is a cure for these problems. Lead the fight against political action committees. Unilaterally declare that the Democratic National Committee will refuse or sharply limit soft money. Announce that lobbyists as well as lawyers and executives with business before the government cannot give to the White House defense fund. Mr. President. could we get just one out of three?

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment Going Too Far in Arms Sales

Every government must make compromises in the pursuit of its domestic and foreign policy interests, and these compromises mount in proportion to the power of a nation. Many Third World nations have pointed an accusing finger at the United States for coddling unsavory regimes and looking the other way while a useful ally works its way to acquiring nuclear weapons. One must recognize the dilemmas of governance and the need to give precedence to demands of realpolitik. However, shorn of Cold War compulsions, some compromises the United States is making paint the preeminent military superpower in an unflattering light. It is difficult to justify the tripling of U.S. arms exports since 1991, accounting for more than half of all arms exports to the Third World. - Khaleej Times (Duhai).



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Russia: Take Another Look, Privatization Is Working

NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey - Privatization has made huge strides in Russia. I am sure of that after 18 months of studying 200 large state-owned enterprises that have privatized.

The average enterprise in this study has about 3,000 employees, and the inquiry has involved on-site interviews lasting up to six hours with company managers and local officials in nearly

rapid conversion of 14,000 large savings but the vouchers of famnonmilitary enterprises employing

By Joseph Blasi

Japan: Toward an American-Style Left and Right

By Gregory Clark

former hard-line positions. (The Japan has been taken in by Mr.

said, by which the principal par-ties "exacted an informal tax on as it is heavily indebted), while

a total of 15 million people. The Privatization Ministry has been carrying this plan out. After each company adopted a corporate charter, the manag-

ers and employees were given the chance to buy a substantial share of the enterprise, with the rest

More than 10,000 of Russia's 14,000 largest companies were privatized by April. All this runs counter to public perception in the West.

half the Russian Federation's 88 regions, or states. The results are heartening. Employees are now majority shareholders at most companies, but managers exercise firm control, while outside investors have growing influence over many enterprises.

The public also has a stake. And many companies are becoming more efficient than they ever were under the old Soviet system. The privatization plan approved by Parliament in 1992 called for

T OKYO — The installation of a Socialist. Tomiichi Murayama, as prime minister thanks

to skillful maneuvering by the leader of the conservative Liberal

Democratic Party. Yohei Kono,

has far more logic than might appear. I predicted on this page last April 18 that Mr. Kono was

the man to watch. Let me try to

Conventional wisdom said last

year that a corrupt, conservative

Liberal Democratic Party had fi-

nally been thrown out of power

by a coalition of opposition par-

ties and reformist LDP break-

Many of those "reformist" breakaways had in fact bolted

the party under a cloud of cor-

ruption - in particular the key

coalition power broker. Ichiro

Ozawa, who had been a protegé

of Shin Kanemaru, the former

LDP power broker who is now

being prosecuted on charges that

he received large bribes from con-struction companies. By waving

the flag of reform violently

enough, they were able to con-

vince enough voters to give them

a chance to form a government under Morihiro Hosokawa.

came when Mr. Hosokawa fell on

a minor corruption issue. Then

the Socialists, together with the

Sakigake group of more genuinely liberal breakaways from the

LDP, decided to depart. They

could not stomach Mr. Ozawa's

authoritarian and hawkish line.

This left a coalition made up

of Mr. Ozawa's followers, some

right-wing Socialists, amateur

political idealists around Mr.

Hosokawa and the opportunistic Komei party with its tight Bud-

dhist factional backing to form

a minority government. Even their choice of the amiable Tsu-

tomu Hata as prime minister

could not disguise the Ozawa

coloring and the lack of political

elected as its leader the liberal

and dovish Yohei Kono, whose

credentials as a reformer and

clean politician were much long-

er and stronger than those of

anyone in the coalition. It was

only a matter of time before he

Meanwhile, the LDP had

logic to the coalition.

The first blow to the coalition

aways. The wisdom was wrong.

explain the logic.

auctioned to the general public. mutual funds and others. Every Russian citizen received a 10,000-ruble voucher valid for the purchase of stock in any enterprise or in a mutual fund that invests in enterprises. In a second stage of privatiza-

tion, now being prepared, the voucher system is to be replaced by cash auctions for shares. At Russia's largest pasta plant, in Nijny Novgorod, work-

ers invested not only their own

ras able to do a deal to allow the

LDP to regain power in partner-ship with the Socialists and the

Sakigake grouping, and with Mr.

returning to the path they should

and would have been following

Japan is a fairly nonideologi-

cal society. With the Cold War over, both the Socialists and the

Liberal Democrats have been

able to moderate most of their

OMO, Italy — The truth

about Italy's new govern-

ment seems to be that no one

knows the truth about it, not even

its members. They are mostly new

to power. They were not elected

on a coherent program. None of

their leaders - Silvio Berlusconi.

the new prime minister, Gian-

carlo Fini or Umberto Bossi — bad been a politician of national

importance. That, of course, is

system, which had a comfortable

place for the political insiders of

all the major parties and a payoff

for all. It was a system, as the

historian Sergio Romano has

funds and placed their men at the

top of the entire economic and

administrative muchine: banks,

state industries, welfare and so-

cial institutions, municipal com-

No one in the system accepted

that he was corrupt, since every-

one was corrupt. At the same

time, everyone recognized the

universality of corruption and

was diminished and demoralized

by it. The investigations of inde-

pendent magistrates now have

begun to dismantle that system.

that followed in March of this

year produced victory for Mr.

Berlusconi, the highly successful

media entrepreneur, who market-

ne parliamentary elections

panies, cultural agencies.

They were outsiders to the old

why they were elected.

but for the Ozawa distraction.

In short, Japanese politics are

Murayama as prime minister.

ily members to acquire 66 percent of the stock. The workers reasoned that owning a huge pasta plant was certain to be profitable because people were not going to stop eating pasta, whatever the state of the economy. Major outside shareholders include two Russian companies that buy and sell pasta. In addition, Italian investors have agreed to provide new equip-ment in exchange for a share of

the company's profits — and a toehold in the Russian market.

That experience is not uncommon. In our study, employees bought an average of 66 percent of each enterprise (senior managers got 8 percent), and 21 percent went to outsiders. The Russian government retained 13 percent, and these shares are to be sold later to outsiders - particularly Russian or foreign investors who agree to put money

into the companies. American investors have got into the act. Procter & Gamble Co., for example, bought at least 14 percent of a chemical compa-

Socialists now insist that in Eng-

Social Democratic Party).

lish they should be called the

In any case, the Liberal Dem-

ocratic Party has long had quite

a few Kono-style liberals. So the natural political dynamic today

is toward a fuzzy liberal-versus-right split rather like that in the

United States, with political par-

ties being secondary. The only

real issue is the role of the mili-

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Italy: Merely the Start of a Transition

By William Pfaff

ed himself to voters as the manag-

er who would run Italy as a sound

and honest business. The other

winning parties were the northern

regional movement of Mr. Bossi

and the neofascists, or "post-fas-

cists" as they prefer to call them-selves, led by Mr. Fini.

their hostility to the system that existed before. Mr. Berlusconi

wants privatization and conven-

tional economic reform. He cur-

rently is compromised by his un-

willingness to give up his private

television, newspaper and maga-zine empire (or inability to do so,

ence on the three state television

networks. These were hostile to

his election and have been the

informal fiefs of the three previ-

ously dominant parties, one net-

Mr. Bossi's political program is

power delegation to the regions.

specifically, major fiscal autono-

my for the economically success-

Mr. Fini, a nationalist, opposes

regionalism and has corporatist

economic leanings, his party's principal intellectual legacy from

fascism. These are not reconcilable

with the free-market, tax-cutting

promises of Mr. Berlusconi, whose

principal financial adviser is an

academic adept of Milton Fried-

ful and productive north.

work conceded to each party.

All that united the three was

tary in foreign policy.

ny in the region of Tula, and local officials expect it to increase its stake and even get

membership on the board. More than 10,000 of Russia's 14,000 largest companies were privatized by April, and the gov-ernment has been moving to finish the voucher auctions by July.

All this runs counter to public perception in the West, where it seems to be common wisdom that privatization has gone off the tracks - that most citizens sold their vouchers for food, that managers and bureaucrats bought control of the enterprises and that the underworld has hijacked the entire process.

Obviously, there have been some irregularities — so huge a program could hardly be carried out smoothly — and the Russian press has chosen to play them up. But our research uncovers a different picture. Across the 40 regions we visit-

ed, employees held onto their vouchers and used them to buy large stakes in their companies.

The outside owners of the 200 enterprises were mainly wellknown Russian investment funds, individual citizens, other Russian

Ozawa's seemingly attractive activism in domestic affairs and his

brave talk about Japan taking a

But many Japanese are put off

by his abrupt manner and his hawkishness. In an election held

purely on the military issue, the liberals and doves would win

It is the unassuming Mr. Kono

who remains closer to the politi-

cal heartland, even if he has been

ignored in the West. Look to him

as the next prime minister if Mr.

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man's Chicago School of Mone-tarism. Mr. Fini would also reopen

territorial controversies with Slo-

venia that have been closed since

The support for Mr. Fini's "post-fascists," whose actual resemblance to historical fascism is

otherwise slight, was principally provided by the agricultural south, where the Christian Demo-

crats were strong in the past. Mr. Berlusconi's political sup-

port is national in composition

but volatile in quality, held to-

gether by sentiment and image

rather than common interest or a

coherent program. His is not a

party but a "movement," con-

ceived in terms of a fan or sup-

porters' club for a football team.

ances and was beaten by conven-tional political formations in a

number of municipal and region-

al elections last weekend. Mr.

Berlusconi's national success did

ndt prove transferable. His trou-

bles thus increase as he begins the

actual government of the country.

constitutional problems. The

Maich parliamentary election

was conducted under a mixed

voting system in which one third

of the legislature was determined

by proportional representation and two thirds by majority vote in indvidual constituencies. The

complete elimination of propor-

tional representation is proposed

- rightly held responsible for

much of the stagnation and cor-

ruption of the past. The constitu-

tional dibate concerns strengthen-

ing the presidency, probably on

the Freigh Fifth Republic model. Hence Italy has not emerged from insubility. It has carried out

an astoushing revolution by

purely lead means. As Mr. Ro-mano wries, there is no other case in the history of modern de-

mocracies where a society has so

dramaticaly yet peacefully re-newed its plitical class. Howev-

er, that waspnly a start.

There remain big electoral and

shortly after World War II.

Murayama comes unstuck.

handsomely.

stronger role in world affairs.

sumers really want to buy.

And major outside shareholders - Russian companies and investment funds, and some foreign investors - have begun to demand fundamental change. even seizing control. At the Vladimir Tractor Factory, near Moscow, a Russian businessman

companies or foreign investors. There were only a few cases of

Now that the formal privatiza-

tion process is nearly complete,

there is considerable evidence

that the enterprises are becoming

more efficient. More than 60 per-

cent of the sales at these 200

companies are to private busi-

nesses. In the Russian state-

owned sector, by contrast, sales

have been almost exclusively to

The companies have cut em-

ployee rolls by 20 percent since

1991, and the managers say they

would cut 20 percent more if a

social safety net were in place.

About 20 percent of the enterprises report contacts with for-

eign investors to explore invest-

ments, joint ventures and other

projects. More than half have al-

ready changed their product lines

to reflect the products that con-

other state-owned enterprises.

shadowy, unidentified owners.

with a Harvard business degree unseated the plant's chief executive with the help of a New York investment group that owned one-sixth of the stock. In many cases, these foreign

investors bring access to new markets, new technology and new capital. The government has set up a Russian Privatization Center to provide technical assistance and financing for the promising enterprises.

And the Russian equivalent of the Securities and Exchange Commission has moved to im-prove disclosure of information to investors and ensure greater representation on corporate boards for minority shareholders. because many privatized compa-nies plan to sell new shares to public investors very soon.

On the negative side, compa nies are starved for capital and are operating at significantly reduced levels, unable to find buyers for their products. Some senior managers still need to learn how to negotiate with investors.

There is great need for better accounting systems so that managers can figure out which of their products make money and which don't. One engine manufacturer in southern Russia, with 5,000 employees, makes more than 100 types and sizes of engines, without having the accounting tools to pin down costs and profits, model by model.

Finally, the managers themselves can be a problem. The boards at most of the 200 enter-

prises we studied are made up entirely of senior managers, so outside shareholders have little chance to advise or discimanagement. And many senior managers argue that they should own more of the stock in their companies while employee own-

ership should be reduced. Certainly, employee equity seems likely to decline, particuiarly at the less successful companies, because they are planning to sell new shares to the public or investors rather than the workers.

But the fact is that Russian enterprises have never had worker control. Fewer than 5 percent of the companies we visited had any rank-and-file employee representation on company boards; trade union power has largely vanished. If anyone has 100 much power in these companies, it will be the managers, not the workers. But this problem is hardly

unique to Russia. And, like the other problems with economic privatization, it will not be solved overnight. The point is that Russia has made a far more promising start than its critics seem willing to admit.

The writer, professor at the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University. advises the Russian government on privatization. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

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A White House Shake-Up, as Usual

WASHINGTON — When a new White House crowd ousts the old order and arrives full of beans and green as grass to change the world, the word goes forth: You ain't seen nothin' yet. It happened with the advent of Jimmy Carter in 1977, Ronald Reagan in 1981 and once again when Bill Clinton and his merry band hit town

in January 1993. Old-timers simply shake their heads and wait. And soon, stories of bungling amateurism multiply, congressional jitters mount as the midterm elections loom, and one day every gear is suddenly slammed into reverse in a "shake-up" at the White House. The predictable second phase

of the familiar cycle is what we are witnessing now with Leon Panetta replacing Mack McLarty as White House chief of staff. Mr. Panetta says he has the "trust and authority" and a mandate to put the good ship Clinton on a more effective tack.

What is seldom noticed at these heady moments is that White House administrative restructuring is as likely to be overrated now as seasoning and experience were underrated before. Reorganization may convert

the Clinton White House into a tight ship, but no one should suppose that Mr. Panetta's tinkering will change Captain Clinton into a Bligh or a Queeg. No White House system ever frees itself of the temperament and habits of the president, and a system is less likely to do so when both the first lady and the vice president are independent

centers of powers. Bill Clinton is hardly the first By Edwin M. Yoder Jr. and more dispassionately analyzed, in the scientific literature.

president to be accused of operating a chaotic administration. Franklin D. Roosevelt, acknowledged master of 20th century presidential politics, liked to weave tangled lines of authority and to assign contradictory tasks sure to bring subordinates into collision. Dwight Eisenhower imported the military staff system to the White House, or tried to, but was accused --sometimes misleadingly, it now appears - of having little infor-

mation and less control of his own administration. The Clinton operation could use a tighter rein; no one denies that. Symptoms of disorder are plentiful and are not confined to the White House. Secretary of State Warren

Christopher, a good man and a good lawyer, is primarily responsible for the widespread impression that this administration has different foreign poli-cies on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from those on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Even when his instincts are sound, he lacks the force to prevail over the free-lancers, including the chief free-lancer,

Bill Clinton himself. Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary is more or less constantly "revealing" alleged scandals in past U.S. nuclear policy that sometimes leave the impression that the policy was made by Dr. Strangelove. This is pure grandstanding Anyone with a library card and a good bibliography could find many of the same materials. long since revealed

The attorney general, Janet Reno, has constituted herself the ethical hall monitor of the administration and seems to have no political sense whatsoever ---

and to glory in its absence. Then there are the pictures that emerge in the press about policy-making processes. Bob Woodward's book "The Agenda" is replete with materials garnered from White House blabbermouths and depicts a president contemptuous of his own very impressive accom-plishment in the 1993 budget, scorning it as a "turkey" and a handout for bond dealers.

A recent front-page report in The Washington Post, so far uncontradicted, portrays policy-making in the dangerous Korean issue as improvisation, prompted to its latest twist by Jimmy Carter's egocentric pilgrimage to treat with Kim Il Sung.

Accurate or not, these revelations do a great deal of damage. And yet, if Bill Clinton were as closed and egocentric a personality as he is an open one, the press would be full of dark stories about secretiveness and paranota, comparing him to Richard Nixon. No president can win the battle of conventional wisdom so beloved of the Washington press.

Leon Panetta's success will depend on how many self-indulgent habits President Clinton can be prevailed upon to part with. On the whole, however, in matters of White House structural tinkering, blessed is he who expecteth little for he will not be disappointed.

Washington Post Writers Group.

The reneral provided by Mr. Berlusconi ad his allies is only provisional hey do not bring a solution. The provide the beginning, but out the beginning, of what will certainly be a complex and possibly rolonged national political reconfruction. International Terald Tribune.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Corea\Appeal

NEW YORK — ecording to a despatch from Wshington the state of affairs in lorea is very unsettled, even to be event of pointing to a rupire between China and Japan, he Coreans have addressed an tent appeal to Secretary Greshin to take such action as will obje the Japanese troops to withraw from the country. He haves does the country. He, hower, does not apparently view to position from the same point at has re-plied that the United Stes cannot presume to interfere expt to the extent of tendering medition.

1919: Poland's Stute

PARIS - Conjointly the the Treaty with Germany the was signed at Versailles a Trity be-tween the Principal Allif and Associated Powers and bland. The instrument constitute in a

way, the Statute of Recognition of the new State. It binds the Polish government to conform with certain principles in the government of the new territories and, notably, to guarantee religious liberty and fair treatment to the non-Polish inhabitants who come under the rule of Poland.

1944: Toll of Foe 60,000 WITH AMERICAN FORCES

IN FRANCE - [From our New York edition: American troops in France have accounted for about 60,000 German soldiers in twenty-five days of fighting, or an average of about 2,400 a day since the June 6 attack on the Normandy beaches. These figures, which represent the equivalent of six German divisions, include prisoners taken by the Americans, German dead buried by them and an estimate of enemy wounded, plus dead buried by the Germans.

Some Things to Look For While the Pundit's Away

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — For those who base their opinions on Right's Lunatic Fringe. The Demoprincipled disagreement with everything that appears in this space. here is a set of knee jerks for July to cope with events to come while I am on vacation.

1. Leon Panacea Presents the New, Organized, Pragmatic, Nonfrenetic, Clinton White House. Do not be suckered: Although this annual summer shuffle will be heralded as the most fundamental shift in governance since the importation of Superpragmatist Da-

Leon Panacea will present the new, organized, pragmatic White House. Do not be suckered.

vid Gergen last summer, the sense of shake-up will last only until Leon attempts to wrest power from the real chief of staff.

Mack McLarty, who went to kin-dergarten with Bill Clinton, is taking their old sandbox into the Oval Office's bunker of broken dreams. Meanwhile, over at State:

2. Vorpal Blade Goes Snicker-Snack. The new Foggy Bottom tri-umvirate of Talbott, Holbrooke and Gergen will praise Warren Christopher and Tony Lake with such vehemence that the cynical media will assume a coup is in the making Ignore such hall-of-mirror analysis; Chris and Tony are as solidly en-sconced as Mack was.

3. Whitewater Hearings Begin in the House Banking Committee on July 26. If Chairman Henry Gonzalez, protective Democrat, bangs his gavel on Republican prober Jim Leach's head, denounce the congressional cover-up. If a judicial panel rubber-stamps the appointment of anti-oversight Robert Fiske as independent counsel, castigate the pusil-

lanimous Court of Appeals.
4. Clinton Lays Down Freedom's Marker in the Baltics. The president will speak at Riga, Latvia's Freedom Monument, next week, at the spot where the Soviet Union began to come apart. His lofty theme will be the new nature of post-Cold War courage. If he makes clear that Eastem European nations are on their way to full NATO membership, hail a historic address; if he fudges to avoid offending Boris Yeltsin, de-nde his straddle and decry his missed opportunity.

5. Democrats Try to Portray Re-

cratic campaign chairman. Vic Fazio, will step up the effort to scare Jews out of the Republican Party by bashing the evangelical right. The Republicans should point to Mr. Fazio's refusal, for fear of offending the Demo black careaus, to join the House vote condemning Khalid Abdul Muhammad's bigoted "bloodsucker" speech. Beware of hardball-playing pols masquerading as libertarians while pumping up a "radical" villain.

6. Wars Ain't Over Till They're Over. The West will lean on Muslims and Croats to legitimize Serbian conquest of half of Bosnia, and will denounce aggression's victims when they don't. The fairest deal will be struck when forces are equal and tired; get UN out, arms to

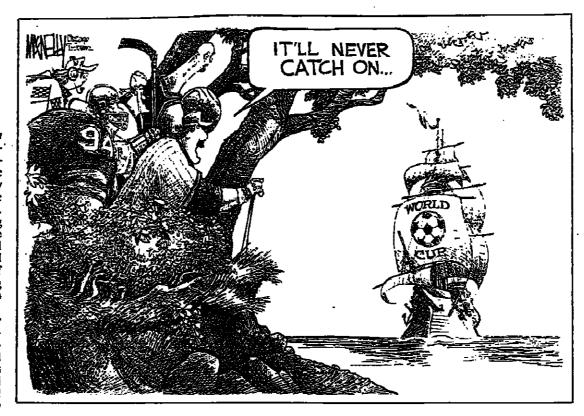
7. Double Helix Solves Double Murder. If DNA's "superfingerprints" put O.J. Simpson at the scene of the crime, defense coun-sel's strategy could shift to attack on ex-wife as maddening slut. Stop treating this merely as a true-life whodunit, but focus on the need not only to find the perpetrator but to avenge the victims. Exhort vast audience to root for justice, not for the dramatic protagonist or to mar-

vel at competing counsel. 8. Yen for a Penny. If the dollar drifts down another 5 percent or so, yawn; but if, after the G-7 meeting in Naples, the dollar keeps slipping without a bottom in sight, inflation and higher interest rates are a-comin' and it would be prudent to indulge in a bit of panic.

9. Apostles of Haiti. July is a customary month for hitting the beach. If Mr. Clinton wants to look strong to his liberal constituency, he will send the Marines into Haiti; if he wants to look smart as well as tough to conservatives, he will send in a force led by secretly trained Hai-tians. Cautiously salute the former; throw hats in the air at the latter; hoot at continued water-treading.

10. Beltway Wisdom Confounded on Health Insurance. On the Senate floor, Bob Dole's "four no's" will prevail: no price controls, no mandates, no triggers, no taxes. Instead, we'll see more coverage despite preexisting conditions, which "cannot be taken away," with insurance subsidies for the poor, Credit Mr. Clinton for starting it, Mr. Dole for stopping it at the right point, and - on July 4 - the glorious American system for lurching forward sensibly.

The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New Frontiers for Physics After the Particle Wake

Regarding "A Requiem for Physics in America" (Meanwhile, June the "Cartesian approach" that leads 16) by Dick Terest:

To be sure, physicists mourn the passing of a great era in particle physics. For a long time particle physicists have been the standard-bearers for physics. Dreams of an allencompassing theory have vividly captured the public's imagination. not only inspiring lavish funding but also attracting many generations of budding scientists to commit their lives to these noble quests.

Yet the demise of the supercollider project is not an end for physics in America. Physics is not the exclusive domain of big science, and furthermore the challenging frontiers of this field are not exclusively those of the very small, or very large.

History speaks against the idea that epoch-making discoveries generally come from grandiose projects. Some of the greatest transformations in 19th and 20th century physics have resulted from the simplest bench-top experiments. In the United States, Millikin discovered the quantization of charge in electrons using a simple oil drop experiment; Michelson and Morley proved the absence of the "ether" using simple optics; Schockley, Bardeen and Brattain developed the transistor using simple electrical measurements. Moreover, there are some very new

frontiers. A great lesson of 20th century physics has been the discovery that many mysteries of the natural world cannot be understood by an

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us to build ever larger accelerators. Microscopic laws that govern physics produce unexpectedly beautiful "emergent properties" when large numbers of particles interact collectively. The understanding of emergent properties requires new principles, new language and new concepts. Magnetism, superfluidity, superconductivity and the development of semiconductor properties of crystals are among the simplest manifesta-

tions of such emergent physics.

discovery of high temperature superconductivity in ceramic oxides, suggest that we have hardly begin to probe the potential for fundamentaly new types of physics in macroscopic media. With a little imagination. we may perhaps appreciate that between the mundane properties of simple elements and the intricately complex properties of life, there is a spectrum of fundamentally new classes of physical phenomena to be discovered. The measure of the vitality of a science is the presence of freams and vistas. These are alive and well in physics, and with a wake, rather than a requiem for particle physics, we may admire past achievements but also move on to embrace challenges that lie ahead.

> PIERS COLEMAN. Serin Physics Lab. Rutgers University. Piscataway, New Jersey.

A Push-Pull for Peace

Regarding "Consider This: A Broader Coalition to Pacify the Bal-kans" (Opinion, May 31) by Mihajlo Mihajlov and Max Singer:

There is nothing wrong with having independent states in the region, as long as they are able to defend themselves from the potential aggression of neighboring states and are closely dependent on such states economically - and therefore vulnerable to pressure from their neighbors in regard to the treatment of minority populations, which includes making available such options as dual citizen-New developments, such as the

> In some cases, as with the current Bosnian-Croatian accord, this may mean joint military defenses against a stronger third party to ensure security from aggression. In the future, it must certainly

> mean a central government in Bosnia-Herzegovina that is capable of defending itself. On the other hand, proximity

alone will go a long way toward encouraging economic interdependence throughout the region (under nonbelligerent conditions and in the absence of sanctions).

Only such a push-pull, assertivecooperative arrangement will bring peace to the Balkans in the foreseeable future. Fostering such an arrangement should be the backbone of a responsible Balkan policy. RUSSEL S. VALENTINO.

Iowa City, Iowa.

For Your Summer's Sake. Help Feed These Authors

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By Ellen Goodman

off the sharks in the business.

and poor writers is now greater than as if an American hostage in Iran had between CEOs and drones. The New Yorker just chronicled the plight of James Wilcox, whose six novels have telling their own tales. We have a produced rave reviews, small sales.

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and shrinking advances. When visited recently, Mr. Wilcox "had just finished the last of three meals he'd extracted from eighteen pieces of chicken he bought at Key Food for three dollars and forty cents."

Meanwhile "The Bridges of Madison County" has been on the fiction best-seller list for 98 weeks. The non-fiction list has Richard Nixon, H. R. Haldeman, Dan Quayle, William Bennett, and two books on neardeath experiences. Against this dire background, it is time to offer up my annual, entirely quirky list of best, modest, and nonsellers. These are books that have nothing in common

except their reader's pleasure. Let me begin the list back at the wolf pack. Alice Hoffman's latest fantasy, "Second Nature," is based on the boy-raised-as-wolf fable. But we're not talking werewolf here. Alice Hoffman's novels require leaps of faith but this one is wonderfully grounded in the relationships of a woman and the men - son, father, ex-busband, lover — around her.

The feral creature in Margaret Atwood's high-energy novel Robber Bride," is a two-footed one named Zenia. She is the malevolent force who insinuates herself into the lives of a war historian, a New Age dreamer and a businesswoman. After she has stolen their confidence and their men, these women finally and

The "Sleeping Beauties," in Su-sanna Moore's novel are not under any hex. They are emotionally doz-ing in the shade of their lush Hawaiian past. The novel's Prince Charming, however, turns out to be a Hollywood Mr. Wrong.
The harsh Newfoundland coast is

deliciously wake up and seek revenge.

the star of "The Shipping News." This is a humane and comedic story of a loser named Quoyle. It is so filled with quirky speech and oddball characters that it is a wonder author E. Annie Proulx has escaped the fate of James Wilcox. Buy this book or she may yet be sharing his chicken. "The Unredeemed Captive" is

BOSTON — It's summertime and storytelling of another sort — history the living is not easy for the book as it should be. John Demos has world. On the movie screen, Jack written a moving, speculative narra-Nicholson is transformed from a civitive about a Puritan girl tallen prisonlized editor to a werewolf just to fight er during an Indian mid. When she refuses to be "repainated," it is as In real life, the gap between rich challenging to her family and culture refused liberation.

This is a prime time for people bumper crop of memoirs, you don't have to be Irish, or a journalist, or even male to savor fete Hemill's "A Drinking Life." Mr. Ha-mill is best describing the workingclass childhood when he learned that "drinking was part of being a man. . . . Drinking was the reward for work, the fuel of celebrations, the consolation for death or defeat." Hard lessons to unlearn.

Madeleine Kunin's memoir. "Living a Political Life," is more int:mate and brave than the usual political fare. The first woman governor of Vermont writes about family. feminism, crying and legislating at a time when, "the female politician is unexpected; her presence provokes a brief digression during which the public wanders off into internal musings about how this woman is like a man and yet not like a man."

I think I was the last in my crowd to read Maya Angelou's memoir, "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings."
Raped at 8, an unwed mother in her teens, the young black girl in this book still grew up to be, well, Maya Angelou. In a year when poverty-bashing and single-mother shaming is popular, she's good for the soul.

So for that matter are the Delany

So, for that matter, are the Delany sisters, stars of "Having Our Say," who offer up 200 years of collective wisdom. A dentist and a teacher by trade, these pioneers of the black middle class "loved our country, even though it didn't love us." Old age is not for sissies; the Delanys survive.

What do you call "Peripheral Visions"? Mary Catherine Bateson doesn't color within the lines of any established literary form. But in this memoir/essay/reflection on the richness and complexity of living in a multicultured world, she explains why the best focus re-quires the widest lens.

Finally, the lens that Sherwin Nuland holds up to death in "How We Die" is nothing if not clear-eyed. We hide our faces from its face." he writes of death, "but we still spread our fingers just a bit, because there is something in us that cannot resist a peek." He makes us take a long, hard, honest look.

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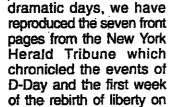
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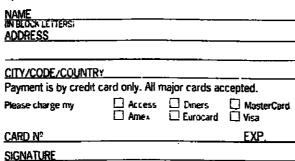
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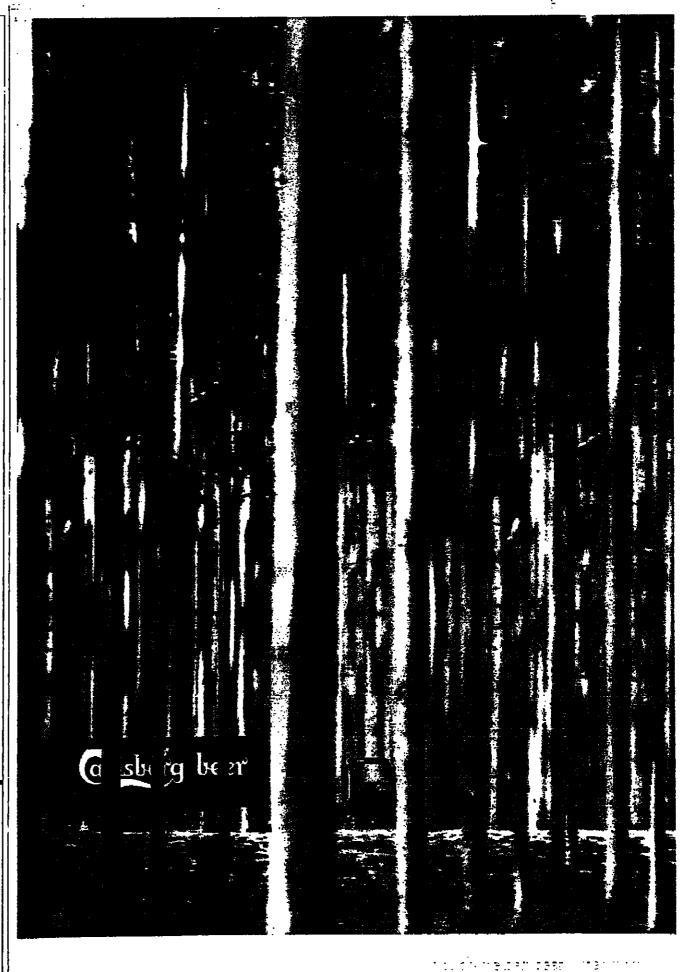
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has brought renewed signs that the New York economy is well into a full recovery, including some stirring in the real-

estate murket. Key industries, especially finance and the media, and even manufacturing, which was once given up for dead in New York, have made strong gains. In the luxuryreal-estate market, prices are being inflated by young Wall Streeters spending their bonuses on luxury apartments, sometimes in areas once considered off-limits to upscale properties.

Andrew Saunders, president of Brett Wyckoff Potter Hamilton, Inc., which manages residential coops and condos on the "Gold Coast" (Central Park West east to Lexington Avenue, including Park and Fifth avenues. 59th to 96th streets), notes that in his buildings, several recent multimillion-dollar transactions have been alleash, at the asking price.

Joan Ambrose, who heads Ambrose-MarElia, cites several factors adding to the real-estate resurgence, beginning with pent-up de-mand. How long can you wait." she asks rhetorically. As for interest rates: "They may be easing up, but they are still very low by historical standards," she says.
They are now hovering

around 8.7 percent.) Kathy Korte, the Manhattan brokerage manager for Sotheby's International Realty, has seen an influx of Californians after the earthquakes and other recent calamities. "There's not as much concern about interest rates on the luxury end." she notes, "People are jumping

arrival of because of the shortage of inventory of high-end prod-

> Mark Darrel, a sales agent for Douglas Elliman, points to the "Village Gold Coast." which he defines as extending from Washington Square up Fifth Avenue to 13th Street. "I have been selling to tons of Wall Streeters who are hot to spend their '93 bonuses before interest rates go up higher and before the market goes out of their reach." Mr. Darrel says, "I even had a deal where the seller got full price. That happened a month ago and is starting to happen more. Prime real estate getting close to asking price is not as uncommon as used to be.

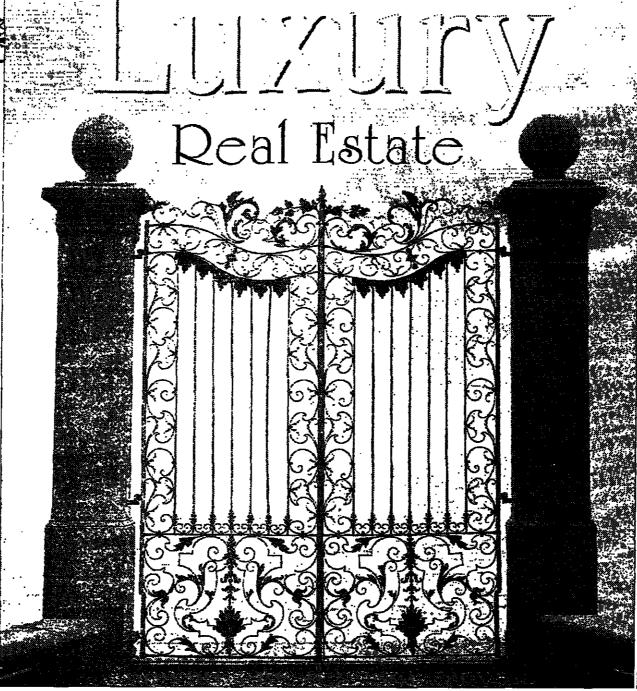
est soar in Chelsea, a onceseedy neighborhood bordering Midtown South that has rebounded in the last few years. In this eclectic area, a typical block mixes elegant single-family town houses dating from the 1850s with Art Deco apartment buildings and tenements. Chelsea's arrival as a premier location has been heralded by some of the highest prices for one- and two-bedroom apartments outside the

Mr. Darrel has seen inter-

Another up-and-coming neighborhood is Lower Manhattan. After the boom 80s, development stagnated there during the recession. But today momentum has picked up as film production houses, high-tech companies, and restaurants and nightclubs have relocated to Tribe, an old manufacturing area just north of Wall Street that offers converted live-in lofts and quiet streets.

Gold Coast.

Across town, the Police Building, the ancient palatial



former New York City Po-lice headquarters, was developed in the 1980s. Prices and interest in the unusual structure, which borders Chinatown and Little Italy. have been rising along with

downtown's fortunes. Ms. Ambrose sees the expansion into new neighborhoods as an inevitable byproduct of rising prices in established areas: "When the market was very high, there was a lot of expansion, as always happens," she says, going on to cite the East Village, settled after Greenwich Village became chic (in the

became popular after Soho became expensive (late 1970s); and the Upper West Side above 96th Street, gentrified when the West Side became popular with young families (the early 1980s).

As Ms. Ambrose points out, a combination of lack of money and need for large spaces puts artists in the vanguard of gentrification. Today, artists' colonies are sprouting up in such unlikeplaces as Williamsburg and Red Hook (both in Brooklyn), Long Island

early 1970s): Tribeca, which and Newark, New Jersey. Overseas buyers from Korea, China, Taiwan and

Hong Kong constitute a ma-

jor investment group interested in marginal areas. Ms. Ambrose sees worldwide inflationary concerns over national debts as an additional factor in the overseas investment interest in

the high end of the market. The Chinese have replaced the Japanese," Ms. Corcoran notes. The Chinese are interested in bulk purchases. Ms. Corcoran recently completed the sale of City, Queens, Jersey City a \$30-million block of apartments for investment only. An even more dramatic. example of Far Eastern interest in New York real estate is the reported involvement of Polylinks International Ltd., a Hong Kong investment consortium, in Donald Trump's Riverside South, the largest residential

project in the city since Battery Park City 20 years ago. The Hong Kong investors, who would take over financing the controversial \$3 billion project, are reportedly attracted by the marketabili-

ty of the Trump name.

Steve Weinstein

CLOAK-AND-DAGGER Moves in London's PRIME PROPERTIES

a new law came into effect in Britain making it a criminal offense for anyone giving investment advice not to report suspicions that the funds they are handling may have been obtained through criminal activities. The maximum sentence is 14 years imprisonment. What will the impact

be on the luxury end of Lon-

don's property market,

where 9 per cent of buyers

are from overseas, sharply up from 3 percent in 1992? On the face of it, this clampdown could be seen as hurting business. The amount of dubious money involved is thought to be over £2 billion (\$1.3 billion) a year, with much of it going into property. So what will happen if strange-looking gentlemen bearing bulging briefcases can no longer take over the anonymous ownership of desirable resi-

wads of used bank notes? Surprisingly, the answer could well be good news for legitimate buyers, both local and foreign. The disappearance of a large amount of money from any market can only lead to downward pressure on prices, so purchasers are almost certain to benefit

dences in exchange for large

in that regard. The new regulations could, for a start, restrain the spate of cash sales of houses in the £500,000 to £2 million pound range to the kind of newly wealthy Russian entrepreneurs who have spent a massive £70 million in London in the past few months. Two legitimate Russian businessmen have moyed into London's most ostentatious address. The Bishops Avenue in Hamp-

n April 1, 1994, stead, where multimillionpound properties are also owned by the Sultan of Brunei and members of the Saudi royal family. But Scotland Yard is on the trail of seven other Russians suspected of being gang leaders, who have shown a strong interest in London's best accommodations.

Beyond the cloak-anddagger, however, lies a hard fact: whatever the source of the payment, London remains very much in favor with buyers. This is readily confirmed by all the leading agents, who have also witnessed price rises for luxury property while the rest of the British market continues to languish in the doldrums.

Aylesfords, for instance, reports, "We are finding a strong demand for all houses in prime London locations. In the last four months. prices have firmed up and vendors are once again achieving close to asking

prices." The Lassmans agency re-ports that "Central London prices have increased by 15 percent to 20 percent since this time last year, depending on the area and the condition of the property. The better properties have shown

greater growth."

The Savills agency is seeing a rise of 15.7 percent in prices for prime London property since December 1992, including a 5 percent rise in the first three months of 1994. This leaves the market still below the 1989 peak, but it is back to 1987 levels. Best performers were Mayfair (up 25 percent) and Kensington (up 20 percent). A close look at Savills re-

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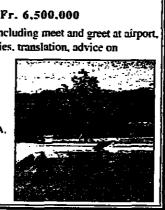
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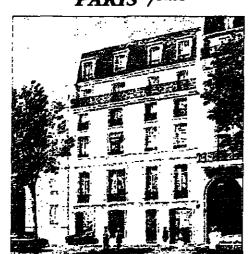
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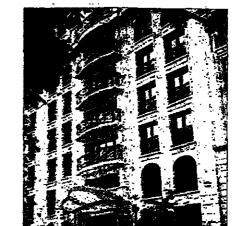
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IN FRANCE, PRICES ARE 'REALISTIC,' BUT NOT LOW

American writer, E.A.

Guest, and it takes a heap of money to make your home. in a luxury property in France.

A depressed market notwithstanding, high-quali-ty real estate in France is a "bargain" only in relative

"Please don't write that there are bargains to be had in Paris," pleads Dominique Brizard of the John Taylor agency in Paris. "Then we find so many foreigners coming who expect to buy something cheap, and a high-quality property just does not come cheap."

If a property is realistically priced, however, there is no lack of qualified buyers, according to a number of agents specializing in the luxury end of the market (defined as properties starting at 10 million francs, or \$1.75 million).

It did not take long, for example, to sell a 2-hectare oceanfront estate in a prime section of Cap d'Antibes for 90 million francs. Monika Barco of John Taylor in

Boar-hunting lodge included

Cannes says that was a reasonable price tag for the property, with its 700square-meter house, sauna, jacuzzi, rockscaped pool and private harbor, all in impec-

cable condition. In contrast, a beautiful but "overpriced" residence on Cap Ferrat languished for two years on the market and recently sold for less than half its original asking price of 60 million francs. As Donelle Highy of Sotheby's "you have mainly secondary in Paris explains, "There residences because people

t takes a heap o' isn't a glut on the market for livin' in a house __true luxury, but the price has make it to be right." She warns her home," said an clients that the first offer they receive may prove to be the best, and if they do not accept it, they may wind up regretting it later on.

In Paris, apartments in the most sought-after areas, such as the seventh and eighth arrondissements, today cost about 50,000 francs a square meter and more for fine properties in move-in condition. "We have something on Avenue Foch for 34,000 francs a square meter, says Mrs Higby, but it needs to be completely redone, and you have to figure 10,000 to 15,000 francs a square meter for remodeling." For a newly renovated 200-square-meter apartment

in the 16th arrondissement, complete with marble bathrooms, a library, three bedrooms, balconies and southern exposure, the asking price through John Taylor is 8.3 million francs. Who are the customers for

these lavish dwellings? Although they are always the "seriously rich," Parisian buyers are different from those on the Côte d'Azur. Paris is more of an investors' market, more volatile and somewhat more speculative because many buyers have business reasons for looking for a residence, whether primary or

Mrs. Higby finds that the majority of foreigners who want a pied-à-terre in Paris expect a big pied - often 500 square meters or more. She finds many French among current buyers, with some Arabs, Italians and Swiss, and a few Americans. There is increasing interest in rentals, even though for comparable opulence, they may run at 70,000-100,000 francs per month.

In contrast, on the Riviera,

want to buy there - for the weather and the lifestyle," says Mary Fort, manager of the expatriate section of the Woolrich Society in Paris. Except for Monaco, the rental market on the Côte d'Azur is nonexistent.

"If you come here, it's because you love it, and you want to buy," insists Terry Bourke, a partner in Hugo Skillington Immobilier.

Teople could stay in hotels here for the cost of a luxury rental.

Ms. Barco of John Taylor notes that Germans have constituted 70 percent of her buyers for Riviera properties in the last 18 months. "They have the money,

and they are worried about what is happening in Germany at the moment," she says. "And they love the

In Monaco, Germans are the third most active nationality in the market, after the French and Italians.

Mr. Bourke believes there is reason for optimism about real estate on the Riviera. He has not had so many inquiries since 1990. "The big money has been on deposit." he says, "and now it is being taken out to spend on what it should be spent on - luxury and fun in the sun." In the last several months, his agency has moved two sumptuous estates at close to

their asking prices of 18 mil-lion francs and 15 million

Ms. Barco says the reason more properties are on the market these days is not because the market has collapsed, but because some individuals have personal economic problems and are selling. "Still, all the agents I know have trouble finding

enough houses with the right quality at the right price." she says. "The expectations of many sellers are still too high, out of line with the

When price and quality are in alignment, properties can move quickly, even today. That is the expectation for two estates on Skilling-ton's current roster – identi-cally priced, but different in appeal. One is characterized by Mr. Bourke as "Hollywood-glitzy," with a 400-square-meter main home on five hectares, a pool with waterfall and two staff cottages, plus the requisite ocean view.

The other boasts olive trees, landscaped gardens, a floodlit tennis court, pool, three staff and guest cottages, and a hunting lodge for the wild boar to be found on the 70-hectare property. Mr. Bourke describes its future owner as someone who wants to be "in touch with the natural beauty of the Côte d'Azur."

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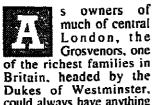


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The architectural profession at the time hailed the Grosvenors as great patrons. But the locals hated the new Eaton Hall as soon as it was completed in 1973 and soon dubbed it "the airport."

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has not been lost on British estate agents. Another notable country house, Harewood Park, situated on 10 lush acres near the famous Ascot racecourse and boasting over 15 large rooms, was like Eaton Hall - built in the 1960s on uncompromisingly modern lines, complete with the huge "picture windows" of the period. It could

not attract buyers in 1993.

As Ian Stewart, country house partner at the Savilis real-estate agency, explains, "It just did not look right for the price." So the vendor decided on a dramatic change to its appearance. He spent some £500,000 (\$780,000) to make it look 200 years older than its real age, and it was worth every penny. A few months ago, the "new" mock-Georgian Harewood Park was sold by a delighted vendor for £2 million to a foreign buyer.

It is the dominance in the market of the international investor - as many as three in four at the top end of the market – that gives an edge to properties with the tradi-tional "English" look. According to Mr. Stewart, the order of style preference among buyers is as follows: Elizabethan/Tudor ("Americans just love exposed timbers and lots of romantic history"), Georgian, Queen Anne, Regency and – increasingly – early Victorian, especially mock-Gothic, which is becoming more ap-preciated for its exuberance

and variety. Four flats at 48-49 Cadogan Place, Chelsea, were recently sold by Cluttons Lon-

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don Residential to buyers from Switzerland, Denmark, Hong Kong and Russia. What this cosmopolitan bunch had in common, says Jonathan Seal of Cluttons, was that they wanted "a typically English home. preferably a classical stuccofronted period property.

"One of the buyers said they had seen 'Upstairs Downstairs' on television and wanted to live in a house just like the Bellamvs lived in," says Mr. Seal.
"Another said to me: 'I will only buy a classically styled house. If it does not look like a typical English home, why should I buy in Lon-

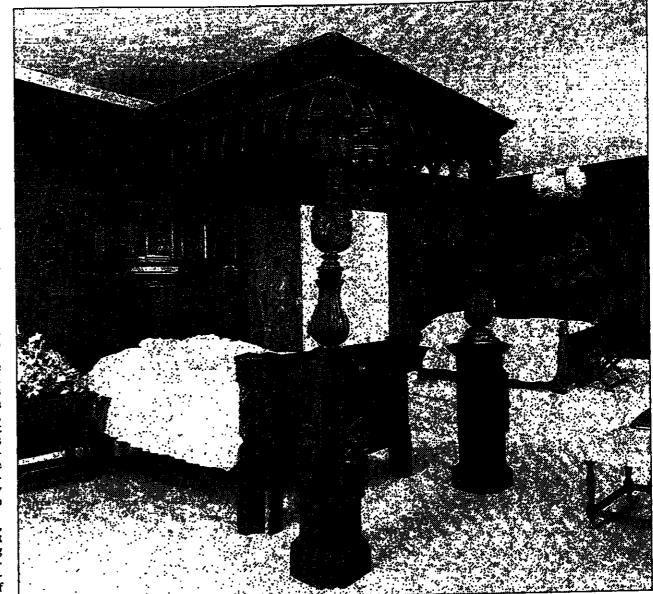
Avril Butt, of agents de Groot Collis, finds that a property's historical backround can make all the diference to a rich buyer. Appleby Castle, which was built in the beautiful Cumbria countryside in 1170, is one of the properties on her books, and she is especially proud of its keep, built by King Henry I and little changed for 800 years. The castle itself has evolved over the centuries, with many battles fought around it and a major refurbishment undentaken by Lady Anne Clif-ford in 1653. Whoever buys Appleby Castle is unlikely

the more muted Queen Anne style, Knight Frank & Rutley can offer "style and tradition with the latest modern technology in Upper Cheyne Row, Chelsea. In spite of being on the list of architecturally and historically important buildings. this property has a heated swimming pool with highpowered water jets.

In general, says Mr. Stewart, the historic houses of England are "listed." which means that they cannot be modernized, converted or extended without the strictest control by specialist officers from the Historic Buildings Commission. "Some people find that what they thought they wanted is not what they really want, because they cannot make

changes," says Mr. Stewart.
A common problem is that old houses do not have a bathroom for each bedroom, which today's buyers insist on. If the prospective buyers are prevented from remodeling the interior to create these extra bathrooms because to do so would destroy period features, they tend to abandon the deal. By way of compromise,

Mr. Stewart says, "upmarket developers are now building brand new homes in the traditional styles, which combines all the advantages of both." All, that is, except the history. M. B.-H.



About £1.5 million can buy the right to sleep in the master bedroom of Appleby Castle, a historic landmark in Cumbria, England.

CLOAK-AND-DAGGER MOVES IN LONDON'S PRIME PROPERTIES

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ever to lack in material for

dinner-party conversations.

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search reveals another factor that could have long-term effects on the market. Prime property sales in both 1992 and 1993 "were largely needs-based rather than discretionary," says the head of research for Savills, Yolande Barnes. This is an attempt to draw a discreet

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sales related to the Lloyds insurance scandal. Lloyds names" - wealthy individuals who pledged their personal unlimited liability in return for what they were assured were surefire profits began instead to receive huge bills in 1990-91. By 1992, they were selling property in order to pay. But by 1993, it became clear that the bills were growing be-

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about to hit the market as a result of Lloyds losses will not materialize," Savills concludes. This is good news for agents, as such a "wall of properties" would have dragged prices down. The development is less good for prospective buyers. Another Savills finding is

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second homes. Foreign investors who flocked to Lonplummeted in September 1992 now make up an impressive 9 percent of all buyers of luxury homes. The breakdown is 3 percent Europeans. 2 percent Americans, I percent from the Middle East and the remaining 3 percent "others" mainly Far Easterners and

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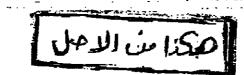
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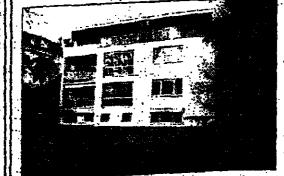
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to the contrary, prices in the luxury residential market throughout most of Asia continue to skyrocket, defying the laws of gravity, and recent moves by some governments to cool this sector seem to be having little effect. In Hong Kong - where a

parking space can cost over \$500,000 – the government recently announced a package of measures aimed at increasing the residential housing supply and putting new obstacles in the way of speculators. Many experts describe the much-awaited remedies as "mild," however, and no more than a cleverly crafted compromise with powerful property de-As a result of these mea-

sures, average property prices in Hong Kong have fallen by 5 percent to 7 percent. But the luxury end of the market has hardly been touched. In land-scarce, cash-rich Hong Kong, the demand for luxury properties continues to outstrip

supply. Currently on the market is a 9,000 square foot house on the posh south coast of Hong Kong Island. The asking price is \$26 million which translates into \$2,900 per square foot. And that is not a record. In May, a 7,000 square foot house in the prestigious Peak area was sold for \$24 million (approximately \$3,400 per square foot). The overall record price for a Hong Kong house is \$35 million, which the chairman of a local company paid earlier this

Expatriates and locals alike now dread the expiration of their leases as rental increases of 50 percent to 100 percent are not uncom-

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espite predictions mon. The situation is so bad last year and 50 percent that some executives may be since 1992.

According to Richard Ellis, the leading property consultant in Southeast Asia. Singapore has witnessed a number of milestones in property sales in recent years. For instance, six of 14 bungalows in the Ashley Green development sold for a whopping \$3.8 million each on opening day. And all 159 units in the Richmond Park condominium project sold within two days. for prices ranging from \$600 to \$780 per square foot

More than 16,000 new

units are scheduled for completion by the end of this year. But Jones Lang Wootton, another Singapore property consultant, does not expect the flood of new housing to bring prices down, with demand for the remainder of the year still exceeding the 1993 level. They predict that rents may come down, however, as a result of tenants taking advantage of increased choice. Average rents for luxury apartments in the Singapore area are presently running between \$6,000 and \$7,000 a month.

land, the situation is somewhat different, with demand still lagging behind supply. "The luxury-real-estate market is oversupplied in some sectors as a result of the massive building program of the late '80s and early '90s," says Simon Landy, associate director of Richard Ellis speculation and escalating (Thailand). During this period, average annual construction figures jumped from 40,000 to 110,000 units a

In Indonesia and Thai-

year. Mr Landy feels that demand fueled by increased domestic purchasing power is still very strong and has created opportunities for developers to plug gaps in

the market." A typical 2,700 square foot single family unit in suburban Bangkok now costs about \$220,000. Centrally located luxury condominiums now range between \$140 and \$250 per square foot, slightly higher than in 1993, when there was a dip in condo prices.

Bangkok's upscale rental market is still dominated by foreigners, which means that regardless of the general supply situation, rent for good quality apartments remains high. Richard Ellis estimates the average rental for a three-bedroom unit in the Sukhumvit area at \$3,000 per month.

The reduction in foreign investment in Indonesia last year put developers into a tailspin and prompted many to switch from large luxury developments to smaller units aimed at the burgeoning domestic middle class. The improved investment climate of 1994, plus the government's impending relaxation of laws on foreign ownership of homes, may change the situation.

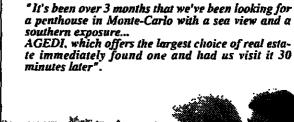
According to property consultant Procon Indah, the average price of prime condominiums in Jakarta is \$163 per square foot. Rents in prime areas range from \$2,948 per month for a onebedroom unit (867 square feet) to \$4,610 for three bedrooms (2,200 square feet). Julia Clerk

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Next Best Thing? Skiing and Surfing Near Tokyo

By David Tracey

OKYO — After a hard afternoon skiing in a steel warehouse, there's nothing quite like relaxing on a rubber beach.

You can do both year-round at sites near Tokyo in one exhausting day of virtual fun. Say good-bye to driving snow and ice burns, forget about jellyfish and rip tides. Technology has provided what native transfer the same transfer to the same transfer transfer to the same transfer t ture could not: consistency.

But do indoor skiing and pool surfing mean the demise of the slopes and the sea as we know it? Will all our sports thrills in the future be machine-made?

You'll hope not, after trying the indoor SSAWS Ski Dome in Chiba and the Wild Blue Yokohama fake beach. But they aren't as weird as you might think. With an open mind and a thick wallet, you can have a good time.

The SSAWS Ski Dome (an acronym for Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, Snow and pronounced "zaus") calls itself "the answer to the serious skier's dream for year-round snow." It also calls the grainy

product of its snowmaking machines 3 degrees centigrade (26 degrees Fahrenbowder."

Without believing the hype you can still enjoy a fairly steep (20-degree) drop at the start of the "advanced" course. It's enough to generate real speed, with a few moguls to attack or avoid, but the run soon flattens out. You're then faced with a slow and boring cruise back to the lift and another two-minute ride to the top. Of the slope's surprisingly long 490 meters (1,600 feet), only the first 50 seem worth the trouble. Snowboarders are not allowed.

The neighboring "intermediate" course features an easier drop (15 degrees) on the top section before joining the same gentle finish as the other. For authenticity it also sometimes features that staple of Japanese outdoor slopes — young women clustered to chat in the middle of the course.

Although the skiing itself suggests the real thing on a mushy day at a tiny mountain, the indoor atmosphere is unsettling. Massive air-conditioning ducts on the ceiling enhance the idea that you're in a giant refrigerator. At the same time, just walking into the glassed-in ski area, with the temperature kept at a constant minus

summer, can be a joy in itself.

But not a cheap one. Two hours of skiing (which sounds short only until you've done the same quick run enough times to feel like a hamster on a running wheel) costs 5,900 yen (about \$60). Pay at the ticket booth and pick up a computer card to use for all transactions inside (including an extra 4,600 yen if you need to rent equipment and skiwear). The card is checked and your money extracted when you leave.

It will never compare to being outdoors on a mountain, but if you think of indoor skiing as a training facility for the real thing, it's not a bad idea. SSAWA Ski Dome is a two-minute walk from Minami-Funabashi Station, which is a 30-minute train ride from Tokyo Station. Hours are 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. The phone number is (0474) 32-7000.

HE main attraction at Wild Blue Yokohama, an artificial beach in an urban warehouse, is the Big Wave. Every hour an excited voice on the loudspeaker announces its impending arrival. The swimmers clear the

pool like movie extras escaping a cinematic tsunami. Only those with sanctioned body boards are then allowed in the water.

By surfing standards the meter-high wave is not exactly big. But it is fun, at least while it lasts. An easy takeoff leads to a clean 30-meter right before it closes out in a protective layer of white water that pre-vents customers from head-butting the far wall. Local hotshots use the four-second ride to stand up on the body board, hit the lip, then finish with a 360 in the soup.

Start by jumping in behind the break when lifeguards give you the O. K. Follow their directions along a guide rope toward the beach, but don't catch the wave there. Paddle to the left wall for the longest ride. If you miss one, wait three seconds for its cione. When you wash up on the rubber, get out and walk around to the jump-in spot again.

The Big Wave continues for 20 minutes every hour, enough time for four or five rides if the crowd isn't too big. There are things to do when the waves go flat. Five water slides will take you from the top of the warehouse in great swerves to the bottom. Lie prone to build up speed on

the steepest slide and you might get au thentic bruises from banging against the plastic sides. There are also two samas, a big Jacuzzi, a tanning center, a plastic rain forest with recorded bird chirps and various cafés and restaurants.

Again, it doesn't come cheap. Entry during the "top season" (curiously in summer) costs 3,900 year. On the way in you're given a wristband with your locker key and a bar code that registers transactions to be settled when you leave. Since no personal boards are allowed, you have to rent one —2,000 yen for the standard or 3,000 yen for the preferred "expert" boards. Grumble about the lack of places to sit and you'll be guided to a deck chair, for another 1,000 yen.

If you compare it to the ocean, Wild Blue Yokohama isn't much, but rated against indoor pools it comes out looking good. It can be reached by taxi or Bus 29 from Kawasaki Station's East Exit, about 20 minutes by train from Tokyo Station. Summer hours are from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. The phone number is (045) 504-5699.

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THE MOVIE GUIDE

The Lion King Directed by Roger Allers and Rob Minkoff.

The circle of life, as described in and borne out by "The Lion King," is a cycle of evolution. Birth, growth, maturity, decline: nothing is immune to change, not even Disney animation. Taking its place in the great arc of neo-Disney classics that began with "The Little Mermaid," "The Lion King" is as visually enchanting as its addiscret represent But it also departs from pedigree suggests. But it also departs from the spontaneity of its predecessors and reveals more calculation. This latest animated juggernaut has the feeling of a clever, predictable product. To its great advan-tage, it has been contrived with a spirited, animal-loving prettiness no child will resist. Nobody beats Disney when it comes to manufacturing such products with bril-liance, precision and loving care. And films that lure the lunch-box set never lack for blatantly commercial elements. Still, the wizardry of "Beauty and the Beast" managed to seem blissfully formula-free, "The Lion King" has more noticeably derivative moments. "The Lion King" is about Simba, a cub who endures certain rites of passage before becoming ruler of his kingdom. In describing the classic hero's journey, the screenplay adds a touch of Shakespeare for good measure. In addition to his noble father, Mufasa (with the voice of James Earl Jones), Simba is also influenced by his delectably wicked uncle, Scar (Jeremy Irons). This tale, with its emphasis on myth making and machismo, has no heroine. Nor does it rely on music, although songs by Elton John and Tim Rice are interjected at regular intervals. Instead, its seriousness is leavened with humor of the sort that is a true Disney specialty. "The Lion King" counts on the wittiest group of voices Disney has yet assembled to advance its story, and together with a vibrant palette

King" a bright, energetic appeal. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

and grandly scenic African landscapes,

these elements give the best of "The Lion

Getting Even With Dad Directed by Howard Deutch, U.S.

"You dating yet?" Ted Danson asks, in another handsome but none-too-bright role. "I'm 11," says Macaulay Culkin, in another of his grown-ups-are-idiots parts. As father and son, these two still have the crowd-pleasing charm many cynics have been waiting for them to lose. But the stars are not the problem in "Getting

Even With Dad." The filmmakers have taken what should have been a foolproof idea — a neglected boy who blackmails his ex-con father into spending time with him - and thrown it away with a backneyed script and sluggish direction. The film should have been a roller-coaster ride; instead, watching it is like trudging through a swamp. Ray (Danson), recently released from a California prison and newly employed as a cake decorator, is planning one last heist so he can buy his own bakery. The day before the robbery, his son, Timmy (Culkin), is dropped on his doorstep for a week by his aunt, who has been keeping him since his mother died. What happens from then on is as fake and nonsensical as Danson's glued-on ponytail. Timmy hides the stolen loot and won't reveal its hiding place until his father takes him to the aquarium, a ball game and other attractions on a long wish list. Timmy's secret motive is to save his inept dad from being caught and sent to prison again. Both Danson and Culkin make the film's predictable ending far more effective than it might have been. It's too bad that the audience is likely to have grown restless long before then. (Caryn James, NYT)

I Love Trouble Directed by Charles Shyer, U.S.

"I Love Trouble," a facile caper about rival newspaper reporters, is a lot like an Ikea bookcase: It's easily assembled and stylishly utilitarian. This romantic thriller rarely ventures beyond the genre's requirements. Basically, you've got patter, peril and, finally, passion. Julia Roberts and Nick Natte passion. costar as a couple of competitors who eventually join forces in pursuit of a big story. When the two meet at a train derailment, he tries to pick her up and then offers her guidance. It's clear they were meant for each other. The rivalry and the relationship intensify as the pair continue to bump heads in their efforts to out-scoop each other. Much scrappy repartee ensues in the manner of a 40s-style romantic comedy until the two find that they have become targets of milk-poisoning bio-terrorists. When nearly murdered in the pursuit of the truth, the stars agree to a shaky truce and pursue the story together. Hereafter, the

stakes rise, the plot snarls, the quips sub-side and the rivals fall into each other's

arms. "I Love Trouble" is as bland as its

Disney cat movie.

title, which really should be attached to a (Rita Kempley, WP)

The Less Traveled Wine Valley of California

By Frank J. Prial New York Times Service

ENDOCINO, California — Just beyond Cloverdale, at the northern end of Sonoma County, Route 128 — just a country road, really — splits off from Highway 101 and wanders 60 miles (100 kilometers) through Mendocino County to the sea. Most of the way it follows the little Navarro River through the Anderson Valley, one of California's least-known

and most beautiful wine regions. As if by magic, a dreary succession of gas stations, fast-food places and used-car lots becomes a California of a different time and place. Here is a remote, rural California of quiet country towns, fair-grounds and wildflowers, verdant farms and tidy orchards stretching off to distant mountains, majestic redwoods and, finally, the craggy Mendocino coast and the cold, vast Pacific.

And then there are the vineyards. Mendocino is often linked with Napa and Sonoma counties when people talk of north coast wine, but it is just far enough north of San Francisco and Oakland about 110 miles - to discourage most of the tourists who clog the highways and tasting rooms of the two lower counties.

Rural and unspoiled, Mendocino is home to 30 wineries, the more established ones mostly in the eastern half of the county, where the Russian River rises, and the newer, smaller operations in western Mendocino's Anderson Valley. All of these offer tastings as well as tours of the wine making facilities, some by appointment only. Allot at least two days for a relatively relaxed visit to the Mendocino

wine country. There were grapes in the Anderson Valley as early as 1890, but wine wasn't made commercially in the area until less than 30 years ago. The first grapes were planted by Italian immigrants, along Greenwood Ridge on the western side of the valley, about 12 miles inland from the fog-bound coast. The best growing area in the valley is still there, between the town of Philo and the redwood forest a few miles west of Navarro. The vineyards roll back over the hills, but the wineries are all within an eight-mile section of 128 running westward just east of Philo. The red wine grapes grow best on the high ground, above the fog; the white wine grapes on the lower slopes and

Husch Vineyards, which opened for business in 1971, was the first in the valley since Prohibition. Kendall-Jackson, a big



winery now based in Sonoma, makes a fine zinfandel from grapes first planted

around Philo in 1916.

The valley floor, which is subject to more fog and frost, has proved to be ideal for sparkling wines. In 1981 John Scharffenberger came to the valley to establish Scharffenberger Cellars.

Louis Roederer, one of France's most prestigious Charmagane bounces. around Philo in 1916.

prestigious Champagne houses, arrived in the Anderson Valley in 1982. Besides Roederer Estate, as the Mendocino winery is called, proceeded to acquire and plant vineyards in three climatic regions between Boonville and the north end of the valley. Roederer is, at the moment, the most important grape grower in the valley.

NOTHER winery, Handley Cellars, produces three vintage sparkling wines, a brut, a brut rosé and a blanc de blanc. But Milla Handley, whose winery this is, doesn't limit herself to sparkling wines. A onetime art student, she switched to wine and later worked at Château St. Jean in Sonoma and at nearby Edmeades before starting her own winery in the cellar of her home in Philo. Her first wine was a 1982 chardonnay made from grapes from her parents' vineyard in the Dry Creek region of Sonoma.

Navarro Vineyards may well be the Anderson Valley's best-known winery. Not because its wines win prizes, which they regularly do, but because of the marketing skills of the owners, Ted Bennett and Deborah Calin. Navarro's attractive tast-ing room and retail shop, by the side of Highway 128 in Philo, always seem busy, and there is a booming mail-order busi-ness driven by one of the more clever newsletters in the wine business.

Most wine making in the Anderson Valley is still a very personal business much the way it was in the Napa Valley 20 years ago. Even Roederer, where production is up to 60,000 cases a year, is small when compared with Robert Mondavi, which makes about 650,000 cases. In a good year, a small winery like Lazy Creek will make about 4,000 cases.

For a look at big, more commercial wineries, the visitor should drive along Highway 101 for about 30 miles to the eastern half of the county, where wine grapes have been grown more or less without interruption for over a century.

For years, the only significant winery in the county was Parducci Wine Cellars in Ukiah, which dates from 1932, just before Repeal. Traditional, well-structured. meaty Parducci red wines are consistently

good and always among the best bargains among California wines.

After a stop at Parducci, it's worth a 15minute drive to visit Germain-Robin, a small distillery in Ukiah that makes Cognac-quality brandies from California

Mendocino's most important winery to-day is Fetzer Vineyards, in Redwood Val-ley and Hopland, a 40-minute drive east of Anderson Valley. Barney Fetzer came out of the humber business to plant his first grapes north of Ukiah in 1958. The winery was opened in 1968. After he died in 1981 his wife and 10 of his 11 children carried on. When Fetzer was sold to Brown-Foreman of Kentucky in 1992, production had reached more than 2 million cases a year.

McDowell Valley Vineyards, east of
Hopland, is noteworthy for its partly solar-powered plant and for its increasingly prominent line of Rhone varietals wines made from grapes associated with the Rhône Valley in France. These include syrah, grenache, mourvedre, cinsault and viognier. The winery will produce 46,000 cases this year.

There are dozens of attractive inns, cottages and restaurants between Albion, where 128 meets the sea, and the town of Mendocino, eight miles to the north. Two favorites are the Albion Im, perched high on a cliff over the sea, and, in Mendocino, Cafe Beanjolais, with its sumptuous breakfasts featuring fresh fruit, home-made baked goods and delicious omelets. Mendocino's understated tharms will delight the newcomer to wine and serve as a reminder to more sophisticated buffs that it's all supposed to be fun. Like the rest of Mendocino, the modest wineries and the easygoing folks who run them harken back

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Pecorino's Sardinian Connection Paris Dining: Tradition to 'Fusion'



By Kate Singleton

IENZA, Italy - It's three in the afternoon. Outside the air is quiet with the heat of early summer, the Tuscan landscape still green and patched with poppies. Inside, around the long table set up in the cool of the stables, the conversation has reached a convivial postprandial peak as the last beer bottles are emptied.
Stefama, whose second child is due in a

couple of months, bears away a pile of dirty plates, chipping into the hubbub of male voices with comments of her own. This is still a very closed society where men rule the fields but not the roost. For the young men who've just finished a hage lunch are Sardinian shepherds who have maintained their language and customs despite long years in central mainland Italy: Il continente, as they call it.

Mariano, Stefania's husband, works as a share-crop farmer, getting up at five in the morning to milk 330 ewes with the help of a lad who learned the ropes in Sardinia and hopes to set up on his own one day too. Only latte di pecora, or sheep's milk, is used to make the most famous Tuscan cheese: pecorino. Until about 15 years ago every small

farmer in Tuscany and Latium made his own cheese, using thistle flowers instead of remet to curdle the milk. This gave the cheeses a particular flavor. However even today's pecorino is remarkably tasty, especially those produced around Pienza, where the sheep feed on what is known as barbabecco (Tragopogon pratensis), a weed that grows on the Val d'Orcia hillsides of southern Tuscany.

When many Tuscans left their farm-houses after World War II to look for work in the cities, their place was taken by Sardinian shepherds who had main-tained age-old traditions of cheese making on their island.

Sardinian pecorino is stronger and more pungent than the Tuscan variety, so the new cheese makers had to adapt to local tastes and methods. Even if today's sheep's milk is transported in huge stainless steel containers and is filtered and sterilized to conform to all the requisite hygienic norms, the principles have changed little.

A couple of hours after rennet has been added to the milk in the large vats, the curds are removed and placed in wooden forms for 10 days or so until they become compact. They are washed, then placed on wooden shelves in a room

kept at around 5 degrees centigrade (41 degrees Fahrenheit). For three weeks they are turned over daily, until they are ready to be consumed as fresh cheese.

If they are to be seasoned, then their rinds may be treated with oil, walnut leaves, wood ash or tomato extract to harden the outer part. A well-seasoned pecorino will be about six months old. and one suitable for grating on pasta or in minestrone several months older.

The Sardinians who make the cheeses that the Tuscans so proudly think of as their own have maintained a close-knit society. Stefania speaks in Sardinian to her husband and to her 4-year-old son Walter. "As soon as Walter returns from kindergarten he's out at the sheds with Mariano for the evening milking. Of course he learns Italian at school, but when he gets home it's our traditions and language that he lives with. The Tuscans wouldn't want to be without us, yet they view us with diffidence. I guess it's partly because they can't understand what we're saying. But we're islanders, you know. We're more cautious in getting to know people, but more reliable once we do."

Kate Singleton lives in Italy and writes frequently on cultural affairs.



Sardinian shepherds provide the sheep's milk for the Tuscan specialty.

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International Herald Tribune

ARIS - When you take good location, a modern sense of liveliness, and good food for the price. you've got a real winner. The sixmonth-old L'Appart' (short for appartement) is just that, with its shiny wooden floors, Oriental rugs, walls lined with books and a mismatched selection of giltframed mirrors.

Just steps from the Champs-Elysées, the restaurant has a chic, vibrant, spunky air with food that hits the spot. Give me half a kilo of greens and I'm happy any day, and L'Appart's salade maraîchere should satisfy anyone who's half rabbit to the core.

The tiny classic raviolis de Royans have becomes staples in many of the city's bistros, and there's good reason why. Give people fresh pasta, a touch of cheese, and you're sure to bring smiles to their faces. At L'Appart', the tiny cheese-filled ravioli arrive steaming hot in a touch of stock.

Other worthy offerings include a platter of fresh cod (morue fraiche) on a bed of creamy mashed potatoes, all served in a pool of rich beef stock; a duck carpaccio paired with a green salad, and a hot apple tart topped with a scoop of ice cream.

While "fusion" cuisine may make waves in other parts of the world, the French wrinkle their eyebrows rather quizzically at the thought of tampering with the sacrosanct qualities of rather codified, traditional French cooking. Yes, one does find an occasional Asian-inspired dose of lime, a pinch of curry, a leaf of coriander here and there, but it comes on like a gentle breeze, not a gusty storm.

the Far East is Philippe Delacourcelle,

owner of Le Clos Morillons. Delacourcelle spent five years running various French restaurants in Asia, and returned to Paris with a changed palate as well as a new palette of herbs and spices with which to create his gentle alchemy.

A recent meal there proved that one needn't give up one's French passport because one seasons a traditional panseared veal chop with ginger and lime, or adds citronnelle to a fricassee of sole. Quite to the contrary: Delacourcelle's "fusion" cuisine works because it's rooted in the French classics.

His fresh lobster salad - with sweet and flavorful morsels of fresh lobster tossed with artichokes, a generous sprinkling of fresh basil, greens and fresh, peeled tomatoes - was a delight, and a veritable bargain at 75 francs (about \$14). I loved as well the evening's fricassee of turbot, a generous filet set on a thick bed of wilted spinach, all seasoned with a sweet, appealing citronnelle butter.

Chocolate lovers will adore his all-chocplate desserts, including dark chocolate infused with jasmine, and marriages of chocolate, thyme and citrus zest. As a lemon lover, I favored his quenelles fondantes de citron, basically a lemon tart filling shaped like scoops of sorbet, served with juniper-infused strawberries.

It's now 21 years since Alain and Nicole Dutournier came north to Paris from France's southwest, to find fame and fortune with their countrylike restaurant Au

Trou Gascon. The food at this temple of southwestern boredom. The bargain 180-franc lunch and dinner menus allow diners to sample some of the best products of France's southwest, including platters of charcuterie, a stunning duck confit, and either a platter of sheep's milk cheese (brebis), served with a salad, or the traditional warm tourtière landaise, a flaky fruit-filled dessert.

Selections on the à la carte menu show chef Jacques Faussat's ability to modernize while remaining authentic to the core: Try the sublime combination of arugula salad and pan-seared foie gras; a lively lobster and asparagus "chaud-froid"; a memorable black truffle-infused potato purce that accompanies the moist farm chicken; and a show-stopping gateau made up of layers of foie gras, truffles and potatoes.

L'Appart, 9 Rue du Colisée, Paris 8; tel: 53.75.16.34. Closed Sunday. Open daily starting Sept. 11. Credit cards: Visa, American Express. 140-franc menu, including service and wine. A la carte, 150 to 180 francs, including service but not wine.

Le Clos Morillons, 50 Rue des Morillons, Paris 15; tel: 48.28.04.37. Closed Saturday lunch and Sunday and Aug. 8-21. Credit cards: Visa, American Express. Memus at 160 and 285 francs. A la carte, 200 to 250 francs, including service but not wine.

Au Trou Gascon, 40 Rue Taine, Paris 12; tel: 43.44.34.26. Closed Saturday, Sunday, August, and one week at Christmas. Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club. Visa. Menus at 180 and 380 francs, not including wine, 500 francs, including wine. A la carte, 380 to 550 francs, including

AUSTRALIA

Sydney Opera House, tal: (2) 250-7777. Berlioz's "The Trojans." Di-rected by Graeme Murphy, conduct-ed by John Flore, Part I, "The Siege of Troy" with Bernadette Cullen, An-son Austin/Christopher Doig: July 21, 25, 29, Aug. 2, 6, 10, 13 and 18. Part II, "The Trojans at Carthage" with Elizabeth Campbell, Kerry Elizabeth Brown, Anson Austin/Chris-topher Dolg: July 28, Aug. 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 20 and 25.

BRITAIN

Royat Opera at Covent Garden, tel: (71) 240-1066. A revival of Puccini's "La Fanciulla del West." Originally produced by Piero Faggioni, conducted by Richard Buckley, with Gwyneth Jones and Nicola Martinucci/Placido Domingo. July 11, 14, 16, 20 and 23.

FRANCE

Armees

Musée Picasso, tel: 93-34-71-07, closed Mondays. To Sept. 30: "Le Regard d'Henriette." From the collection of an dealer Henriette Gomes. a selection of Surrealist paintings by Miro, Tanguy, and Brauner, as well as works by Picasso, including a "Fernme qui Pieure," painted during the war. Paintings by Hellon, Torres-

Centre Georges Pompidou, tel: 44-

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tural models built during the 15th and Directed by Pier Luigi Pizzı, conducted by Alberto Zedda, with Teresa Beuys, including drawings, objects sculptures and more than 70 installa-

Jeu de Paume, tel: 42-60-69-69, closed Mondays. To Sept. 11: "Joan Mitchell: The Last Years." Abstract and colorful works of the Americanborn painter during her last 10 years in France, starting with the series "La Grande Vallee," painted in Vetheuil on the Selne in the early 1980s.

GERMANY

Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle, tel: (228) 9171-200. Continuing/To Oct. 16: "Europa, Europa: Das Jahrhundert der Avantgarde in Mittel- und Osteurope." 700 hundred works by 200 painters and sculptors from the former Iron Curtain countries.

Frankfurt Schim Kunsthalle, tel: (69) 29-98-82-11, open daily. Continuing/To Aug. 7: "Goethe and the Visual Arts." Paintings, drawings, sculptures rang-ing from classical Greece and Rome to the year of Goethe's death in 1832. including works by Raphael, Ruis-dael, Lorrain, Constable and Turner, document the relationship betwee Goethe and the creative arts.

Venice Palazzo Grassi, tel: (41) 522-1375. Continuing/To Nov. 6: "Flinasci-mento – Da Brunelleschi a Michel-angelo: La Rappresentazione dell' Architettura." Features 30 architec-

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JAPAN

Hara Museum, tel: (3) 3445-0651 open daily. To Aug. 21: "Arakawa: Drawings 1961-1974." 36 drawings, titled "The Mechanism of Meaning," representing the start of the Japanese-born artist in semiotics.

NETHERLANDS

Van Gogh Museum, tel: 20-570-52-00. Continuing/To Oct. 9: "Van Gogh's Self-Portraits from Paris." 18 self-portraits painted in Paris in 1886-1887.

SPAIN Madrid

Museo del Prado, tel: (91) 420-28-36, closed Mondays. To July 12: "Los Leoni: Escultores del Renacimiento Italiano al Servicio de la Corte de Espana." 27 bronze and marble sculptures and 46 medals by the Italian sculptors Leone and Pompeo Leoni, including several busts of Teatro de la Zarzuela, tel: 429-

Bergánza/Raquel Pierotti, Ruggero Raimondi and Gregory Kunde. July 16, 18, 21, 23 and 25.

UNITED STATES

Malibu The J. Paul Getty Museum, tel: (310) 459-76-11, closed Mondays. To Sept. 4: "Andre Kerlesz: A Cen-

tennial Tribute." Traces his 50-year career with 50 photographs covering his years in his native Hungary, his involvement with Paris artists and his life in New York after 1936. New York

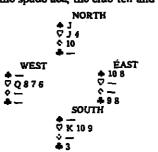
American Craft Museum, tel: (212) 956-3535, closed Mondays. To Oct. 9: "Bauhaus Workshops: 1919-1933." Shows how the furniture, metalwork, glass, textiles and ceramics workshops evolved from craft on-entation to laboratories producing prototypes for industry.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, tel: (212) 570-3791, closed Mondays. To Sept. 20: "Salvador Dall: The Early Years " 50 paintings, 50 drawings and photographs following Dall's career from his early years in Figueras and Madrid to the fully-fledged Surre-

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott THE Goldman Pairs Championship runners-up, Lynda Horn and Marvin Rosenblatt, gained on the diagramed deal by overcoming a bad trump split in six hearts. When the club king was led, Horn won

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By Kip S. Thorne. 619 pages.

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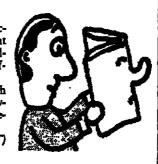
Black holes are a natural con-

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 Roberto Zangrandi, director of public relations for Fiat in Germany, is reading the Italian translation of Jasper Griffin's "Snobs." "It's a collection of snobbish

statements in literature and everyday life. I just bought it because I found it interesting." (Brandon Mitchener, IHT)



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Britain and China Settle Transfer of Hong Kong Bases

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG - Britain and China settled their long dis-pute over the transfer of Hong ong military sites Thursday lespite Beijing's renewed treats to dismantle a new constitutional system just approved by the colony's legislature.

The military lands deal was insided by both British and Chinese negotiators as a break-tarough it was announced less tican 12 hours after a marathon debute in the Legislative Council ended in a victory for Governor Chris Patten in his bid to make Hong Kong elections more democratic.

But with political tensions still high between Hong Kong's current and future landlords and few firm deadlines hanging over an array of complex issues involved in the 1997 changeover, a seamless transition appears unlikely, local politicians analysts say.

"We are fully convinced this was the best deal we could achieve," said Hugh Davies. Britain's senior representative to the Chinese-British Joint Liaison Group. "This is not what some of us thought could have been the ideal agreement," he

After seven years of talks, China and Britain agreed that 14 of 39 military properties in Heag Kong would be handed over to the Chinese armed forces. The others would be returned to the Hong Kong govemment for eventual commercial development. Beijing has agreed to use the military lands

ior defense purposes only.
The Hong Kong government said it expected to raise 65 bil-Hong Kong dollars (\$8.4 billion) from the sale of 25 sites, many in prime commercial and ಪ್ರದೇಗುವ areas, when British locces leave in 1997.

As part of the deal, Hong Kong will build a new \$500 mil-Hen naval base to replace an ...isting facility in a waterfront that includes some of the wo.ld's most expensive real es-

"We must hope that the areakthrough on defense lands ill create the basis for similar ensive progress elsewhere on ...: agenda at future meetings," Davies said.

Guo Fengmin, described the agreement as "one of the most important components of the

transfer of sovereignty."
However, Mr. Guo said several features of an agreement on financing Hong Kong's new \$20.3 billion airport required further work. He repeated China's vow to abolish the electoral system endorsed by local legislators late Wednesday.

Mr. Guo's stance echoed comments made Thursday in Beijing by a Foreign Ministry spokesman, who nonetheless welcomed the military lands

This is an important achievement resulting from the joint efforts of both sides," said Shen Guofang, Agence France-Presse reported from Beijing. "We hope that the British side will cooperate with the Chinese side on other issues concerning the smooth transition of power

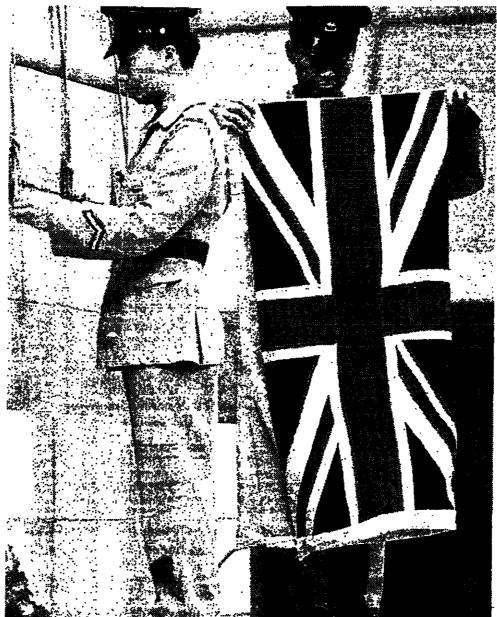
in Hong Kong."
British negotiators have given the highest priority to settling the airport financing impasse and clearing the way for a disputed new cargo port, leaving more complex issues such as determining who in the future will qualify as a citizen of Hong Kong — for more distant

"It looks to me as if there's been some secret agreement between China and Britain, by which China will not make further trouble over economic is-sues and that Britain will not liberalize Hong Kong any fur-ther than the electoral arrangements that have just been carried through," Norman Miners, a political scientist at Hong

Kong University, told Reuters. Mr. Patten's decisions to block new legislation on a hu-man rights commission, a new equal opportunity law and a freedom of information act have been cited by his critics as new reluctance to tackle Beijing on controversial political issues.

"Where an issue is really fundamental, very important, the community is prepared to back us and that by and large is what they have done over the issue of electoral arrangements," Mr. Patten said recently.

There are other issues that if we were to dig trenches and seek to fight a battle, the community would seriously ques-tion whether our view of priori-China's senior negotiator, ties was correct," he added.



A soldier folding the Union Jack after a daily flag-lowering ceremony in Hong Kong.

Colony's Textbooks Delete Mild References To Beijing Massacre, and Teachers Protest

Reuters

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's Education Department has deleted references to the 1989 Beijing massacre of democracy activists from a school history textbook, drawing protests from teachers on Thursday.

The offending passage of just 30 to 40 words obliquely referred to the massacre following student protects containing on Tiennan.

lowing student protests centering on Tianan-men Square as an "interference" and the "June 4 matter," said Chin Chi-shing, vice president of the Hong Kong Professional Teachers Union.

But the Education Department overreacted by removing the entire passage from text-books to be used in the curriculum for 13- and

the last 20 years occurred too recently to have been subjected to proper historical analysis. "Twenty years is considered to be a reasonable minimum period," he said.

But Mr. Chiu said the Chinese language textbook does mention other events of the last 20 years, including a recent visit by China's paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, to Guangdong Province, neighboring Hong Kong.

Mr. Chin said "we strongly object" to Mr. Wong's "interference." "No professionals support him. We think that he is too sensitive to the June 4 matters."

books to be used in the curriculum for 13- and 14-year-olds, he said.

Hong Kong's media is already being accused of self-censorship — afraid to write articles upsetting China before the British colony reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

U.S. Sets Terms for Pyongyang North Could Send Fuel Rods to 3d Country

By Paul Lewis New York Times Service

VIENNA — The United States will ask North Korea to surrender some 8,000 plutonium-bearing reactor fuel rods to a third country such as Russia or China, or entomb them indefinitely in concrete as part of any settlement to the dispute over its nuclear program.

Any country receiving the spent reactor fuel would be expected to reprocess it and store the extracted plutonium under the control of the International Atomic Energy Agency, thus ensuring North Korea does not use it for nuclear weapons.

This plan for exporting or burying North Korca's reactor rods, diplomats and officials of the agency say, will be one of a number of proposals the United States is likely to make at next week's Geneva meeting with North Korea. At that time, it will set out terms for settling the quarrel over whether Pyong-yang is secretly building atomic

Other conditions are expected to include a demand for international inspectors to contime monitoring the fuel rods until they are permanently dis-posed of and for North Korea eventually to make its nuclear program totally transparent. This is what South Africa did after it confessed to building several atomic bombs and agreed to sign the treaty to stop the spread of nuclear weapons.
The United States has asked

the agency to give it by Friday a list of all the conditions North Korea must meet to fulfill its obligations under the treaty and become a member of the agency

in good standing again.

At Geneva, the U.S. team will really be negotiating on behalf of the agency when it presses North Korea to give up its military nuclear program, because the agency is charged with ensuring that countries that sign the treaty also respect its provisions.

On the other hand, it is up to the Clinton administration to decide what it can realistically expect North Korea to accept as well as what incentives, in the form of economic and political inducements, it should offer North Korea in return for coop-

erating with the agency.

The emphasis the agency and the United States are now placing on securing the future of the fuel rods removed in June from North Korea's research reactor in defiance of agency orders re-

flects intelligence estimates that they contain some 66 to 88 ons program is in the fuel expounds (30 to 40 kilograms) of tracted this year, not in 1989," plutonium, or enough for six or so nuclear bombs. This is far destiny of the fuel rods, theremore plutonium, officials here say, than North Korea could have acquired when it closed down the same reactor in 1989 and possibly removed some fuel

rods for reprocessing The CIA now estimates the reactor was only shut down for about 75 days and not 100 days, as it first thought. And in that time, experts here doubt wheth-er North Korea could have changed all the fuel rods, which were then thought to have contained a total of about 18.7 pounds of plutonium.

As a result, experts now think that, at worst, North Korea only obtained enough plutonium for a single bomb. "The real

fore, is more important then their ancestry."

By removing the reactor fuel rods earlier this year, North Korea made it difficult for the atomic energy agency to discover what happened in 1989. And the agency's other demands for the Geneva talks are expected to include access to two secret

nuclear waste sites. A diplomat said the sugges tion to take the fuel rods to another country was one of several ideas being discussed. But he added that preliminary contacts with China suggested that Beijing might be reluctant to

SEOUL: 2 Koreas Still Haggling

Continued from Page 1 bridge their fundamental, and probably irreconcilable, differences, especially over the crucial issue of the North's secre-

tive nuclear program.

According to Yang Sung Chul, a political science professor and a leading authority on North Korea, the basic problem boils down to this: "South Korea wants nuclear transparency. North Korea wants to maintain nuclear ambiguity."

While there is some debate here over how hard Kim Young Sam should press for answers on the North's nuclear program, it seems clear that he cannot avoid asking the aged Communist dictator whether his country has an atomic bomb. If the answer is "no," a presidential aide said, the South Korean leader will then try to persuade Kim Il Sung to verify it by agreeing to mutual inspections that would reveal Pyongyang's

past nuclear activity. The government will seek to secure the North's nuclear

head the Defense Agency, was a

leader of the rightist students in

the 1960s when leftists were protesting the U.S.-Japan Secu-

rity Treaty. Asked today wheth-

er he was a dove, Mr. Ta-mazawa replied, "I consider, myself a Japanese."

Morihiro Hosokawa, who was the first prime minister in 38 years who was not from the

tried to shake up the formation

of the cabinet by giving seats to

two people who were not mem-bers of Parliament. He also ap-

pointed three women to posts.

The Murayama cabinet is

more traditional in look and

formation. Jobs were appor-

tioned to the various parties,

and to the various factions

within the Liberal Democratic

Party, according to their num-

bers. In all the Liberal Demo-

crats hold 13 seats, the Social

ger Party, 2

JAPAN:

transparency," the South Kore-an prime minister, Lee Yung Duk, told legislators Wednesday. Seoul especially wants to know what happened when North Korea shut down its 5-megawatt nuclear research reactor in 1989 and extracted the spent fuel rods.

"If the crucial North Korean nuclear issue cannot be resolved," The Korea Times said in an editorial Thursday, "the resumption of inter-Korean di-

alogue is meaningless."
For North Korea, however, freezing its current nuclear program is one thing, but revealing its "nuclear past" is another. In fact, Mr. Yang said, the very idea is anathema for a leadership that bases its survival on keeping the country closed to the outside world and that views nuclear transparency as a threat to national defense.

Ambiguity about the bomb allows North Korea to deal with South Korea from a position of strength, notably when the talk turns to reunification.

Murayama's Cabinet

TOKYO (Reuters) -Following is Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama's **Enemies United** Continued from Page 1 new coalition cabinet. the Liberal Democrat named to

new coalition cabinet.
(Note: S-Socialist, L-Liberal Democratic Party, NNew Harbinger Party, NPrime Minister, Tomichi Murayama (S); Deputy Prime minister
and foreign minister, Yohei Kono
(L); Chief Calimet Secretary, Kozo
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and Fisheries, Taichiro Okawara
(L); Construction, Koken Nosaka
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Kakuei Tanaka, the late prime minister who was disgraced for taking bribes from Lockheed Corp. Ms. Tanaka was named director-general of the Science gations of corruption against and Technology Agency.

Many of the appointments went to people who had played an active role in forging the partnership between the Socialsts and Liberal Democrats, or in badgering the former raling coalition headed by Tsutomo Hata, who was forced to resign Saturday when it became clear

he would lose a confidence you. One appointment that could lead to a clash is that of Mr. Takemura as finance minister. Japan's government has promised to cut income taxes to stimulate its economy, a move sought by the United States as well as by Japanese corporations. The Finance Ministry believes that the lost revenues from the income tax reduction should be made up by increasing the sales tax.

But the Socialists are against sales tax increase because it harts the lower income people most. Mr. Takemura, when he served as the chief spokesman in Mr. Hosokawa's cabinet, had objected to Mr. Hosokawa's decision to raise consumption taxes. Their split on that issue was the beginning of the supture between the two former allies.

pressed his opposition to raising sales taxes, saying that the "tained in prison. Mr. Verwoord government should first look at was prime minister from 1958 cutting government spending to until his death, thiring which compensate for the income tax time he entrenched apartheid

Democrats 6, including the **REFORMS:** prime minister, and the Harbin-There is only one woman, Makiko Tanaka, daughter of Japan Bewildered Continued from Page 1

> parties might use their newfound power to pursue old allereform leaders like Mr. Ozawa, a former Liberal Democratic heavyweight.
> Then, if the public should

turn disillusioned with reform, the government might be able to scuttle or delay the revamping of the electoral system that was initiated earlier this year. The changes establish singlemember parliamentary dis-tricts, which create an incentive for two or more parties to compete based on policies and ideas, as opposed to the present system of multimember districts, which is widely blamed for the "money politics" prac-ticed by the Liberal Democrats.

South Africa Moving Assassin to a Hospital Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

CAPE TOWN, South Africa A messenger in Parliament who assassinated Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd with a knife almost three decades ago will be moved from a prison to a mental institution, the government announced Thursday.

Dimitrio Tsafendas, now 76, killed Mr. Verwoerd on Sept. 6, Today, Mr. Takemura ex- 1966. A court ruled he was insane and ordered him to be deconstitutionally (AP Renters)

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From Streets to School, a Rude Awakening for Gaza Youth

By Joel Greenberg

New York Times Service GAZA CITY - Aiman Radi gave early. Unable to complete his high school graduation exam in algebra, he handed it in and left the classroom at he Cairo School for Boys in Gaza

"I turned in a blank page," he said, is face frozen in disbelief. "We missed s face frozen in disbelief. so school days this year."

Gaza's high school seniors, part of a generation that led an uprising against sraeli occupation for more than six cars, are experiencing an abrupt awakening as they take these all-important exams, this time under the eye Palestinian police officers who arrived here in April with the start of

Hardened street leaders and vouths who left school to throw stones at araeli soldiers are now struggling to make up for lost time.

an aura of heroism, they had seized results have come swiftly. The chaotic lious students and Israeli soldiers, and ing strikes and work boycotts and tions and organizing rampant cheating has been significantly reduced. during the graduation tests to erase the cost of lost studies.

The teachers, fellow Palestinians employed by the Israeli authorities, were powerless as they watched classroom standards erode.

Now, with the rebellion against Israeli authority over, there are signs that the generational revolt in Gaza may also be receding. The year-end examinations have become a proving ground for a reassertion of traditional controls. The trend has been bolstered by the police and by a general support for the Palestinian self-governing authority, which is running this year's

About 12.000 high school seniors in the Gaza Strip are being tested on a ing the exams at the Cairo School, said range of subjects, including Arabic he felt safer. "The occupation did not and Islam, history, geography, math, biology, physics and chemistry. While the exams are generally going smooth-

there have been some exceptions. At the Palestine School, a confrontation broke out between policemen and hundreds of students who complained that the tests were too difficult and that the officers had not allowed them to cheat. The policemen fired shots in the air to disperse the pupils, some of year. whom reportedly threw stones.

ity," said Mohammed Jidy, the direc-tor of education in Gaza. "In the past curfews. But classes were also para-

onstrations. Many students were arrested, losing still more school days. authority during the uprising, enforc- scenes of the uprising, in which stu- teachers were afraid of masked activdents passed around answer sheets as ists. Both teachers and students lacked leading mass protests. In schools, teachers stood by helplessly, have been motivation. Now, control is concen-young toughs had intimidated teach-replaced by strict order. Teachers coners, ordering pupils out for demonstra- trol the examination balls and cheating Authority, which gives power to the teachers to work as they should."

> Mahmud Shaer, a teacher monitorhe felt safer. "The occupation did not protect teachers," he said. "Now the National Authority gives protection, and the teachers have backing."

Many students now express remorse over the loss of classroom time during the uprising, when Gaza's schools were closed for days and even weeks at a time, shutdowns that added up to from one-third to nearly half the school

Often, it was the army that shut "Slowly, we will restore our author- schools, as punishment for violent stu-Defying their elders and basking in school entrances and in hallways, and there was friction between the rebel- lyzed by Palestinian strikes and dem-

'It was a mistake to wage the struggle at the expense of education, and now students are paying the price," said Omar Hilo, 18, a senior at the Carmel School in Gaza. "Stones are not the only means for struggle. I can fight the Jews with my education." Ala a-Din Shurafa, another 18-year-

old senior, said the uprising had left him with an education at the sixthgrade level. "When I saw my situation. during the exam, I blamed myself for serving my country but forgetting about my schooling," he said. "The schools were destroyed. It was wrong." But other youths argued that there

were more pressing needs at the time. "Freedom is more important than education," said Khairi Abu Kheir, a former fugitive from the Israeli authorities who recently completed a four-month prison term and is taking the exams. "Our lives were at risk, people were being killed and wound-

ARAFAT: Return of a Symbol

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without a celebrated returnee. They were exiled and scattered through the Arab states and eisewhere, and many never beieved they could go home

Israel has long stood fast against the right of return for Falestinian refugees. The peace accord may end hopes of many that they can actually reclaim ands inside Israel lost in 1948. But it has also unleashed a

torrent of hope among Palestinars inside the territories that at least some people can return from exile. After years of depair that they would get anyhing tangible from peace, this ope appears to be one of the ereement, according to many

The infusion of 4,000 Palestinian soldiers, many of whom had not set foot in Gaza and the West Bank since 1967, if ever, was a potent symbol of return. So was the repatriation of well-Anown Palestinian activists like Mohammed Dahalan and Jibril Rijoub, both expelled by Israel but now Mr. Arafat's top secu-

rity men in Gaza and Jericho. And then there is the legend being spun about the return of General Musbah Saker, a fighter who Israel thought had been killed in 1967 but who recently showed up alive in Gaza when he was named to a top secret police job by Mr. Arafat.

Rashid Khalidi director of

the Center of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago, has written that only by understanding the centrality of the catastrophe of "politi-cide" and expulsion that befell the Palestinian people in 1948 is it possible to understand the Palestinians sense of the right

Now, Mr. Arafat's own return from exile is another symbol of hope for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

But among Palestinians. much of the anticipation about his visit is focused not on the slow start of self-rule, or the problems left over from the Israeli occupation.

Rather, it is centered on simple emotions about coming home, about the end of exile, and about Palestinian national

Mr. Arafat's lieutenants in Gaza scrambled Thursday to make preparations for his arrival. At the former headquarters of the Israeli military governor, soldiers shimmied up poles to put out a haphazard row of Palestinian flags from the portals where Mr. Arafat is expected to

deliver a speech. Nabil Shaath, the PLO negotiator with Israel, told reporters in Cairo that Mr. Arafat had advanced his trip in response to a complaint from one of Israel's two chief rabbis that a Saturday visit would force Israeli soldiers to violate the Jewish sabbath by doing guard duty.

Merger Near Continued from Page 1

acquiring management control of CBS would be a major coup. He built the Fox television network at a time when it was considered unrealistic.

While he has attempted to expand QVC, it was always clear that he intended to run a larger and more mainstream operation. CBS, now the leading network in ratings, certainly fulfills that requirement, though it now pits his skills against those of the Fox network, the power he created.

Mr. Tisch, 71, has repeatedly denied that he will sell CBS. The arrangement now being discussed would leave him with a major stake in the combined company, but allow him to walk off with a hefty profit, including roughly \$528 million in

He owns about 20 percent of the CBS stock. The current value of his shares is about \$950 CBS has recently lost affiliates to Rupert Murdoch's News

Corp., the parent company of the Fox network. If the deal is completed, CBS shareholders would own 51 percent of the merged entity, and QVC shareholders would own the balance. It would be subject to shareholder vote as well as approval by the Federal Com-

CLINTON: Whitewater Prosecutor Sees No Suicide Tie

breach of ethical rules or stan-ernor of Arkansas.

dards.' The report was welcomed by the White House, where officials have tried to dispel the public perception that they tried to meddle in the Whitewater-related savings and

loan case. The White House special counsel, Lloyd N. Cutler, said administration officials were pleased by the independent counsel's conclusion that no indictments will be sought relating to the so-called White

House-Treasury contacts." He said: "While some of these contacts may have been day that now that Mr. Fiske has inadvisable in hindsight, they violated no law."

that Mr. Foster committed sui- would begin their own investicide, Mr. Cutler said: "This gations. should put to rest the irresponsible speculations - many of report of Foster's death last them politically motivated - July 20 that concluded the depthat something more sinister uty White House counsel was occurred. We hope these ru- depressed and agitated over a mormongers and the media that scandal involving the White published their rumors will now House travel office and his own

The report comes as Mr. authorities originally conclud-Fiske is winding up the Washington phase of his inquiry and turning his full attention to the Arkansas phase, which will fo- evidence that concerns about cus on the Whitewater real-es- Whitewater contributed to Mr. tate investment and other busi- Foster's depression. In a state-

these meeting constitutes a wife when Mr. Clinton was gov-

Mr. Fiske, who called more than a dozen White House and Treasury officials before a Washington grand jury investi-gating the contacts, said court secrecy rules prevent him from making a full public report. However, the conclusion of

his probe clears the way for Congress to begin its own hearings later this month into the so-called Washington phase of the Whitewater affair, which are certain to focus on the large number of previously undisclosed contacts. In addition, Treasury Secre-

tary Lloyd Bentsen said Thursadvisable in hindsight, they concluded his probe, the Treasury inspector general and the Commenting on the finding Office of Government Ethics Mr. Fiske released a 58-page

leave the Foster family in portrayal in the press. He said peace."

Mr. Foster died in the manner

ness dealings involving ment released with the report, preliminary magnitude of 6.2.

President Bill Clinton and his Mr. Fiske said he is in the final stages of an investigation into

the way Mr. Foster's documents were handled by White House aides after his death. Mr. Fiske's staff interviewed Mr. Foster's friends, family and professional contacts about his frame of mind. The report

paints the picture of a man who felt the sterling reputation he had built as a lawyer in Little Rock, Arkansas, was being tar-nished in Washington. He worried that scathing editorials about him in the Wall Street Journal were being read back in Arkansas, and felt he

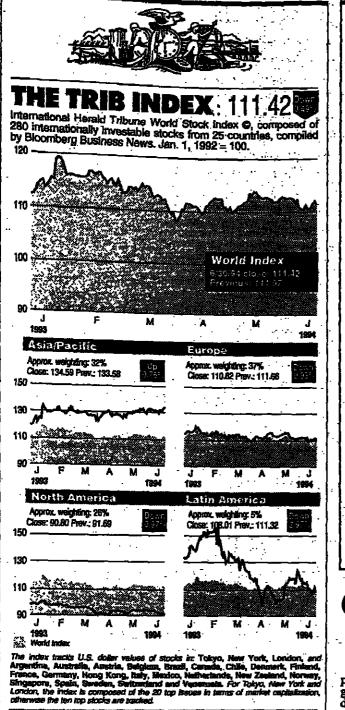
could not go home in disgrace. In the weeks before his death Mr. Foster became "obsessed" with public criticism the Clinton administration was receiving for firing seven bureaucrats in the White House travel office and calling for an FBI investigation of their accounting prac-

17 Pakistanis Injured In Strong Earthquake

The Associated Press ISLAMABAD, Pakistan A strong earthquake shook northern Pakistan on Thursday, injuring at least 17 people, authorities reported.

The tremor, centered in the Hindu Kush mountains where northwest Pakistan meets northeast Afghanistan, had a

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Mergers Coming Down the Line Burlington Sets a Deal A Cellular Phone Link

FORT WORTH, Texas -Burlington Northern Inc. and Santa Fe Pacific Corp. said Thursday that they had agreed to merge in a transaction valued at \$4.2 billion

The deal would create the biggest railroad company in the United States, with tracks blanketing the country west of the Mississippi River. The proposed union must be approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission and shareholders of both companies

Santa Fe shareholders would receive 0.27 of a Burlington Northern share for every Santa Pe share and one share of Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corp. for every 1.7 Santa Fe Pacific Corp. shares.
Burlington Northern, based in Fort Worth, Texas, already

is America's largest railroad and specializes in hauling grain, coal, cars and timber. Santa Fe, based in Schaumburg, Illinois, is a pioneer in intermodal shipping, which involves hanling merchandise in stackable containers. The combined company, to be called Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp., would en-compass a network of more

dwarf the next-largest network, owned by Union Pacific Corp. with its 18,000 miles.

chairman of the merged company. Robert Krebs, chair- Maine to South Carolina. man and chief executive of Santa Fe, will be chief executive and president. The rail-

"This merger will create a strong, new rail carrier with a diversified traffic base and excellent financial prospects," Mr. Krebs said. Mr. Grinstein said the two

lines were largely separate, which was likely to speed government approval of the pact. The companies have not de-

cided where the headquarters of the merged company would be and had no estimates of the number of employees that might be affected by the move, Linda Gustis, a Santa Fe spokeswoman, said.

The two companies will continue to operate separately while regulators are reviewing the merger. (Bloomberg, AP) Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches intensifies to provide ad-WASHINGTON - Nynex

Corp. and Bell Atlantic Corp. orp. with its 18,000 miles. said Thursday they would Gerald Grinstein, chairman merge their cellular telephone and chief executive of Bur- operations, creating a system \$1.2 billion, 1.8 million cuslington Northern, will be that would stretch down the American East Coast from

They did not disclose terms. The combination allows the two regional Bell operating roads will operate separately companies to take on deep-as the Burlington Northern pocketed players in the cellu-and the Santa Fe Railway Co. lar business, such as MCI Communications Corp., Nextel Communications Inc., AT&T Corp. and McCaw Cellular Communications

> "This new company will focus on the development and deployment of 'anytime-anywhere capabilities across a broad market area," said Ray Smith, chairman of Bell At-

For customers, the deal is likely to accelerate price competition for making cellular calls over long distances, which now cost \$1 a minute and more. In addition, customers also are likely to get access to more calling features like voice mail and call for-

warding as the competition

vanced network services over cellular systems. The combined company

would have annual revenue of tomers and 4,250 employees. Its service area will cover 55 million people and will include seven of the country's top 20 markets. Bell Atlantic will own 62.35

percent of the new company and Nynex will get the rest, a division reflecting the relative sizes of their cellular units. Bell Atlantic and Nynex have been jointly operating a cellular system in the New York City area for 10 years. That system has the potential

to reach 15 million customers. The deal comes as AT&T awaits regulatory approval to buy McCaw Cellular.

At issue is the ultimate ownership of some cellular operations that McCaw - the country's biggest cellular-telephone company -- co-owns with regional Bells.

Under a 1982 consent decree that broke up the Bell System, AT&T is barred from acquiring assets owned by Bell companies.

OECD: Economic Growth Still at Risk

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By Carl Gewirtz ional H*erald Tribune*

PARIS - Although economic growth, particularly in Continental Europe, is gathering strength, policymakers in the industrialized nations were warned Thursday against becoming complacent, particularly because European unemployment will continue to rise in the next 18 months.

Even this modestly upbeat assessment is clouded by the sharp rises in long-term interest rates, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development noted in its semiannual Economic Outlook. These threaten growth prospects, especially in France, Italy and some of the smaller European countries as well as Canada, the Paris-based economic forum said.

Commenting on the agitation in curren-markets, Kumiharu Shigehara, the OECD's chief economist, further warned that the yen's appreciation risks weakening growth prospects in Japan, while the dol-lar's fall risks fueling U.S. inflation. He called for "more effective articula-

tion of clear commitments to sound public finances and price stability and, where necessary, decisive corrective actions" to stabilize market expectations.

"Recovery must be sustained," the report said. Growth needs to be higher than the 2.6 percent annual average over the past two decades if the OECD economies are again to become high-employment societies with steadily rising national living

Its predictions are for overall growth of 2.6 percent this year and 2.9 percent in 1995, up from 1.2 percent last year.

Despite substantial upward revisions to Continental growth prospects from assessments made just a month ago, the OECD projects European unemployment will continue to rise over the coming 18 months to 22.6 million, or 11.8 percent of the labor force, by end-1995 from the 22.4 million projected for this year.

The OECD expects short-term rates in nounced. A Foreign Ministry Europe to continue declining. Three-month German rates, currently 5 percent, move to investigate its copyare forecast to be 4.6 percent by year-end right violations as "irrational" are forecast to be 4.6 percent by year-end

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U.S. Slaps China In Trade Feud, **Delays on Japan**

WASHINGTON - The government targeted China for possible trade sanctions Thursday in a dispute over allegations that Beijing had failed to properly protect U.S. patents and

copyrights.
But the administration delayed for 30 days any action against Japan in a separate trade dispute involving that country's public procurement

practices.
U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor announced the decision, saying the delay in the Japanese case was warranted because a new prime minister had just assumed office in Japan.

The announcement on Japan, which had already received an earlier extension of the deadline, reflected a change in approach by the administration, which in recent days has softened its rhetoric in an effort to calm jittery currency markets where the dollar has fallen to new lows against the yen.

But in regard to China, Mr. Kantor said the administration would immediately launch an investigation into allegations that China had failed to properly protect U.S. patents and copyrights.
U.S. businesses have con-

tended that copyright piracy in China is costing them \$800 million in lost sales annually.

With the decision to launch a special investigation, the clock starts running on possible trade sanctions if the two countries cannot satisfactorily resolve the dispute over the next few

In Beijing on Thursday, China lashed out at the U.S. decision even before it was anand threatened unspecified re-

Shen Guofang, the spokesman, said that the move would harm economic and trade ties.
"The U.S. government must be held responsible for all the consequences arising there-

Root of Crisis: It's the Yen, Not the Dollar

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — The dramatic movements in the currency markets that have lifted the yen to record highs against the dollar constitute a yen crisis, rather than a dollar crisis, some senior U.S. officials and private analysts contend.

They say that the yen is being pushed upward by Japan's continuing large trade surplus to a level that is causing serious discomfort for Japanese industry. This view, which stresses Japan's structural problems rather than those of the United States, is one reason the U.S. Federal Reserve and the Treasury have resisted calls to raise U.S. interest rates to shore up

the dollar.
Officials say the problem lies not with the dollar but with the yen. Analysts add that Japan is piling up huge amounts of foreign exchange that are not being recycled to the rest of the world by increases in Japa-

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from," he said. He did not elaborate or say whether China would respond in kind to U.S. sanctions. (AP, Knight-Ridder, WP, AFP)

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The Bureaucrats Come Into Their Own

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ud Renda Tribuse ASHINGTON — The leadership of the industrial world is suddenly looking even more shaky. Japan has just appointed its fourth prime manister in a year and is headed for a long period of political instability.

The European Union has made a spectacular mess of appointing a new president of the European Commission, and is obviously desperately short of the vi-sion needed to revive the European idea and unite the Continent.

In the United States, the latest polls show an increasing number of Americans viewing President Bill Clinton as weak and indecisive. And lack of confidence in his leadership has contributed to the latest plunge in the dollar.

Anyway, the high noon of U.S. begemony is over. As Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen ratt if "there isn't one

Lloyd Bentsen put it, "there isn't one country calling the shots anymore." Not even a combined heave by the Group of Seven industrial countries can push the dollar where it doesn't want to go. And when G-7 leaders gather in Naples next week for their annual summit, for all the pomp and circumstance, they will exert little real influence on global

The pace of change in the world economy—faster than at any time since the industrial Revolution—is outstripping governments' ability to deal with it. While businesses and financial markets increasingly operate globally, govern-

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ment is still confined to national or re-

gional boundaries. The political disarray is making matters worse. Japan's political turmoil, for instance, is also contributing to the dol-lar's problems and complicating attempts to resolve damaging trade dis-putes between Tokyo and Washington. In many countries, including Japan, Italy, France and Canada, traditional

Most politicians look only as far as the next opinion poll or the next economic statistic.

parties have been unceremoniously battered by disgruntled electorates.
But instead of interpreting all this as a call for more inspirational leadership,

most politicians have responded by taking an even shorter term view -- looking only as far as the next vote, the next opinion poll, the next economic statistic. The combination of shortsighted, lo-

cally focused leadership and economic globalization is having a curious result: The international bureaucracies are coming into their own - at the politi-

cians' expense.

The G-7 countries gladly delegated much of the responsibility for rescuing the Russian economy to the International Monetary Fund. If Russia overcomes its problems, more credit will be due to the Fund's officials than to the G-7 gov-

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Unemployment is the worst political problem facing many industrial countries, but the best work on it so far has been done by the bureaucrats at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris.

The planet's future prosperity will de-pend heavily on officials at the powerful new World Trade Organization due to start up next year.

And in the European Union, it is not the national governments but the often wrongly reviled bureaucrats of the European Commission who are producing the best ideas on bringing the Continent's two halves together.

That makes it all the more important to choose the right people to run these organizations and to ensure that the organizations themselves work effectively.

But it's another sign of the times that the bureaucrats at the OECD are making big efforts to modernize their institution. while the G-7 political leaders are blatantly failing to do the same for theirs. It's not surprising that top politicians are increasingly competing for the best bu-

reaucratic jobs. Of course, there is a limit to what the bureaucrats can - and should - do. In the West at least, they still receive their instructions from politicians. And their ideas need political approval.

But it is a sad comment on today's leaders that many bureaucrats have a clearer vision of how the world is changing, and how to tackle its problems, than their elected masters.

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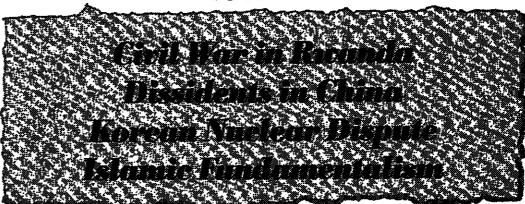
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Bond Slide Casts Shadow on Stocks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK -- Renewed weakness in the dollar and government data showing economic growth triggered a rout in Treasury bond prices that cast a pall over the stock market

The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond plunged 1 point, to 84 6/32, sending the

U.S. Stocks

yield up to 7.61 percent from 7.51 percent Wednesday. The dollar's persistent weakness against the yen renewed sentiment in the bond market that 11/2 to 16%. foreign investors would shy away from dollar-denominated securities.

Government data pointing to moderate economic growth in May added to nervousness that inflation would rise eroding the value of fixed-income instruments such as Treasury bonds. A jump in the prices-paid component of a regional purchasing proved order levels in the coatmanagers' index and rising commodity prices added to those inflation fears.

The stock market followed bond prices lower. The Dow Jones industrial closed down issues outnumbered gaining months.

ones by a 4-to-3 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

Stocks sensitive to changes in interest rates, such as banking issues, were among the day's worst performers. Higher interest rates make it more expensive for businesses to borrow money expand and could drag on the economy, crimping corpo-

rate profits. Norwest fell 1 to 261/s, while NationsBank lost 11/2 to 51%. Health maintenance organ zations fell on concern that U.S. health care legislation could limit their profitability. United

Cyclicals were weak, with Deere losing 11/2 to 67% and General Motors falling % to

Healthcare dropped 3% to 44½ in active trading. Humana fell

Consolidated Papers bucked the downtrend, rising 2% to 43% after the Wisconsin-based paper company was raised to a buy from a hold by a Morgan Stanley analyst, who cited im-

ed-paper market.
UAL fell ¼ to 127 after the airline, buffeted by scant investor demand for a \$765 million preferred-stock sale, had to modify its restructuring plan 42.09 points at 3,624.96. Losing for the second time in two

YEN: Which Currency Is in Crisis?

Continued from Page 13 nese imports or by major in-

vestments abroad. Currency markets offered some evidence to support that view Thursday, as the dollar strengthened slightly against the Deutsche mark, rising to 1.5873 DM at the close in in New York from 1.5870 DM on

The dollar fell to another record low, 98.350 yen, on Thurs-

Foreign Exchange

day before coming part of the way back to close in New York 98.465 yen. It closed at 98.750 yen on Wednesday.

For Japanese exporters, the yen's recent surge has created what the Japanese call endaka - meaning a strong-yen crisis. Profit margins have fallen as Japanese companies have tried to absorb the effects of the higher yen.

Some analysts said the yen could keep rising until the Japanese government found a way to deregulate many sectors of the economy and encourage more imports, particularly of consumer goods.

(Bloomberg, AP) "I think they are in serious trouble," said Barry Bosworth, an economist at the Brookings Institution who has studied the Japanese economy for several years. "There is too much nonsense being spread that this is a crisis of confidence in the U.S.

value this year coincided with a movement of investment capital back to Japan from other countries, including the United States. In some cases, investors were seeking to take advantage of the possibility that the Japa-nese stock market would show larger gains than U.S. markets. where prices were falling. In others, the investors -- who included Japanese-owned companies in other countries - were

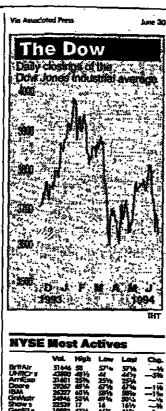
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U.S. Income and Factory Orders Rise WASHINGTON (AP) — The income of Americans rose for the fourth straight month in May and spending nearly kept pace while factory orders also increased, the government said Thursday.

day.

The Commerce Department said Americans' personal income rose 0.6 percent in May, matching the rise in April. Consumer spending increased 0.4 percent, slightly higher than anticipated, after dipping a revised 0.4 percent in April, Spending, accounting for two-thirds of the country's economic activity, has risen in 12 of

the past 14 months. In the manufacturing sector, the Commerce Department said orders to U.S. factories rose 0.6 percent in May, following a revised 0.2 increase in April Orders have climbed for three months in a contract of the contract

months in a row and in nine of the past 10 months.

Analysts said the government reports demonstrate the economy expanded at a comfortable pace this spring. Many said the economy's performance during the second quarter, which ended Thursday, at least duplicated and probably exceeded that of the first three months of the year.

Ex-BCCI Executive Agrees to Plea

WASHINGTON (WP) - Swaleh Naqvi, formerly the secondhighest executive at the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, has agreed to plead guilty to federal charges in a deal that includes a probable prison sentence of between six and eight

BCCPs offices worldwide were closed by regulators in 1990 after revelations the bank had lost billions of dollars in depositors' money. The bank has been implicated in money laundering and

other widespread fraud.

The plea agreement requires Mr. Naqvi to cooperate with authorities by testifying before grand juries or providing other information that the government needs, sources said. But Naqvi has yet to give the government any real help in sorting through I million pages of BCCI documents that might solve the puzzle of the heart's questionable accounting proceedings. the bank's questionable accounting procedures, sources said.

U.S. Allows SmithKline Herpes Drug LONDON (Reuters) - SmithKline Beecham PLC said Thursday it had won approval to sell its new Famvir anti-herpes treatment in the United States.

The approval from the Food and Drug Administration came six months ahead of most expectations and will place SmithKline in direct competition with Wellcome PLC. That company's Zovirax medication has dominated herpes treatment in the United States

for more than a decade,
Zovirax is Wellcome's biggest-selling product and the eighth best-selling prescription drug in the world, with sales of £760 million (\$1 billion) in 1993.

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GM Raises Prices on Some Models

DETROIT (Bloomberg) — General Motors Corp. has raised prices on two redesigned cars by between 11 percent and 12 percent for the 1995 models.

GM's Chevrolet dealers were told Thursday that the redesigned Cavalier would start at \$10,060 for the 1995 model, up from about \$8,970 for the 1994 version. The price of Chevrolet's new Geo Metro subcompact, built for GM by Japanese automaker Suzuki Motor Co., will start at \$8,085, up from \$7,295, according to

The nation's largest automaker started notifying dealers of 1995 pricing so the sellers could take orders for new models that will start arriving in showrooms as early as next month.

GROWTH: Despite Outlook for Improved Growth, OECD Sees Risks

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Market Sales

and 4.3 percent next year because of declining inflation, which is seen at about 1.75 percent by end-1995. Yields on 10year German government bonds are expected to fall to 6 percent from around 6.9

By contrast, short-term U.S. rates, now at 4.75 percent, are expected to rise to 5.6 percent by end-1995. Even with that, the OECD forecast "a mild but perceptible upward drift" in consumer price inflation to 3.5 by end-1995, up nearly a point from

early 1994. But 10-year U.S. yields, currently 7.25 percent are projected to stabilize at around 7 percent.

U.S. growth is projected to slow from this year's 4 percent to 3 percent next year. Nevertheless, growth "is likely to remain above its potential rate, reducing the unemployment rate below the 6.25 to 6.5 percent level consistent with stable inflation and-generating a modest acceleration

in wages and prices."-The report sees Japanese growth improving from midyear through end-1995. But it warned that upward pressure on the exchange rate could weaken prospects for a self-sustained recovery through an ad-

verse impact on corporate profitability The growth forecast for Germany is now 1.8 percent this year, up a full percentage point from preliminary projections made last month. This results in a Europewide growth forecast of 1.9 percent, up half a

point from a month ago. Prospects for

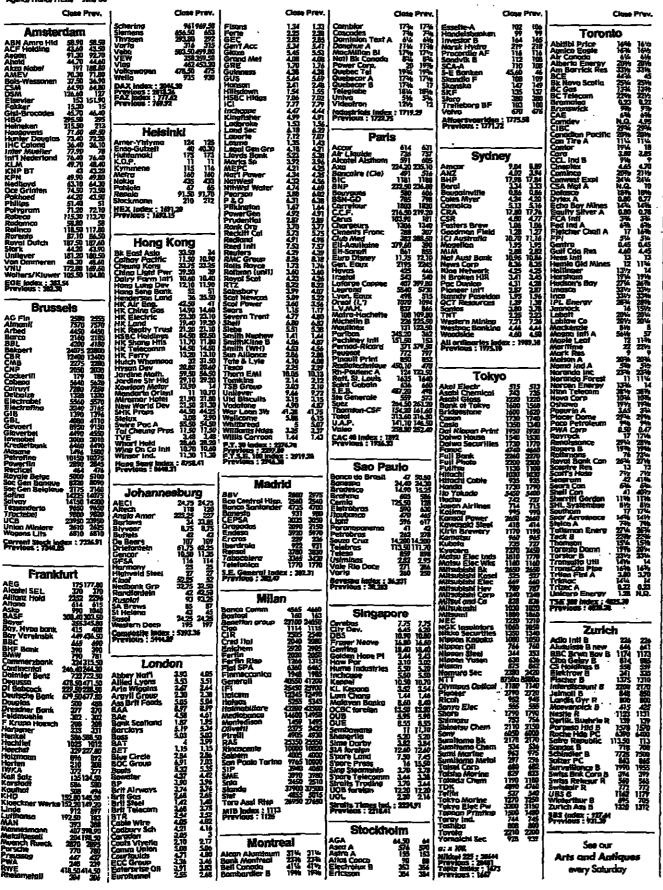
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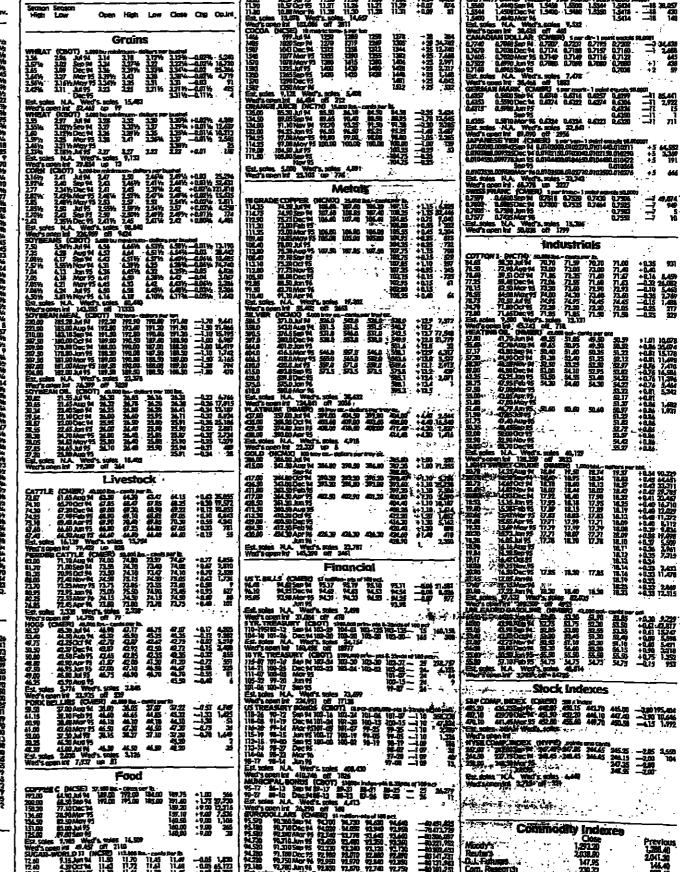
Caracas Bolsters Banks

CARACAS - Venezuela's government assumed effective control of the country's banking industry on Thursday in a bid to protect depositors after it had taken over several troubled institutions but faced rumors that more were near

It created a seven-member banking committee, including the finance minister and central bank president, to set new rules to govern the institutions. The panel has the authority to remove bank directors, buy shares in the institutions for the state, withdraw operating licenses and impose a government supervisor

WORLD STOCK MARKETS





TURIN - First SpA said Thursday it was moving back to profit more quickly than expected after posting the biggest loss of its history in 1993.

Giovanni Agnelli, chairman of Fiat, said the company expected to make a slight profit in 1994 after posting a loss of 1.78 trillion lire (\$1 billion) last year as recession slashed demand for

He said that despite depressed car sales in Italy, Fiat's main market, the company made an operating profit of about 200 billion lire in the first four months of this year because of cost-cutting compared with a loss of 360 billion lire over the comparable

"Results in the first four months were significantly better than the group's stringent targets," he said, adding that the company would turn a profit for the year even if car sales did not improve.

He said the company should be in a position to pay a dividend to ordinary shareholders and cooperation must not be next year after passing up the too close, as otherwise you have payout this year for the first your hands tied." ime since 1947.

He said the company's over-all sales, which include aircraft cugine, auto, insurance and textile divisions, rose about 10 percent in the January-April period, to almost 20 trillion lire. The company expects sales for the year to rise about 14 per-

Despite selling slightly more cars, mainly because of the strong performance of its new Punto subcompact, the company's European market share has fallen because of depressed demand in Italy.

cent, to 62 trillion line.

Mr. Agnelli also said Fiat's negotiations with Renault, the French automaker, aimed at sharing foundry activities had been broken off.

He said Fiat had not been able to make an agreement with Renault that would not have compromised either company's autonomy. :

"Agreements are restrictive, and we seek the greatest possible amount of autonomy," he said. "Competition is tough,

EU Insurance Industry Cracks Open But Some Countries Fail to Approve New Law in Time

FRANKFURT - After years of preparation and debate, European Union regulations intended to open up Europe's insurance industry are schoduled to take effect Friday throughout the 12-nation trading bloc.

But there will be at least one exception: the EU's biggest member. Germany has missed the deadline, and it may not be the only country to do so. The European Commission said mem-

ber countries had to incorporate EU insurance directives into domestic laws by Thursday, creating a single insurance market. Germany's Parliament hasn't approved the necessary legislation, and it isn't scheduled to reconvene until next

Insurance companies said they were unconcerned by Germany's inaction, partly because they think EU directives take precedence over national laws and partly because they don't think the change will significantly change the way they do business.

At most it may now encourage innovative marketing that sells policies by using mass mailings or telephone solicitation instead of personal sales pitches. The European Commission, which is

the EU's executive branch, said it wouldn't know until next week just which countries in addition to Germany had not met the deadline, or how late Germany might be.

Jörg Knospe, a spokesman for the

German insurance association, said the legislation was "bound to be postponed" until at least the middle of July.

"It can't be debated until July 8," he said. "If it's approved, it could come into effect as early as mid-July. If it's defeated, there's a danger it could be delayed until after October's elections."

This would force the legislators back to the drawing board and could mean a delay of several years, he said. Michael Stoffler, insurance industry

German insurers aren't anticipating a rash of foreign competitors into their market.

analyst at the accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand in Frankfurt, said some insurers may go ahead with plans if the deadline is missed.

"We've already started training bro-kers," said Timothy Jacobs, vice presi-dent for international markets at Standard Management Corp., which has a Luxembourg-based subsidiary called Premier Life. "We've made a strategic decision to become very active in the German market."

But just what each company's plans cotail vary widely.

German insurers, for example, will be under pressure to sell cheaper and more flexible insurance policies once they are

freed from a strict regime in which all policies and prices had to be approved by the Federal Office for Insurance Supervision.

"We're expecting radical change," Manfred Broska, chief executive of DBV Holding AG, told shareholders at the company's annual meeting in late June. "There's going to be a big increase in price competition and a process of con-

Others are less sure. Emilio Galli-Zugaro, spokesman for Allianz AG, said Germany's market leader would introduce some policies in anticipation of the change, "but we don't expect any kind of

The new regulations would appear to encourage cross-border competition, but few companies said they were willing to make the necessary investment, at least

German insurers aren't anticipating a rush of foreign competitors into their market either.

Several companies said they may try to avoid high start-up costs in Germany by selling directly to new markets from their established bases.

Direct insurance, as the process of pitching policies by mail or over the telephone is called, has been a big hit in some parts of Europe in recent years.

But it has been slow to gain ground in Germany, hampered by consumer prefcrence for personal contact and resistance from sales agents, insurers said.

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AEG AG, the electrical engineering subsidiary of Daimler-Benz AG, has sold its remaining office products business to a Hong Kong investor, Yong Ling Liu.

• The Bank of France trimmed its intervention rate, which acts as a floor on money market rates, to 5.10 percent from 5.20 percent. • French unemployment rose to 12.7 percent in May, the highest level since 1945, from a revised 12.6 percent in April.

• Inchcape PLC will not exercise its option to increase its stake in Gestetner Holdings PLC to 25 percent because Gestetner shares have fallen below the option price.

• Metaligesellschaft AG and its Berzelius Umwelt-Service AG unit higher-quality merchandise and take charge of their own fiare being sued in the United States by Horsehead Resource Development Co. for allegedly providing false information on which a joint venture was based. The voucher has almost never held to its 10,000 ruble face val-

• Kaushof Holding AG said sales in the first six months of the year increased 8.9 percent, to 11.6 billion Deutsche marks (\$7 billion), from the comparable year-ago period, led by specialty shop sales. Deutsche Bank AG's supervisory board will meet Tuesday to consider management changes because of the collapse of Dr. Jürgen Schneider AG, a property development company that

borrowed extensively from the bank. Renters, Bloomberg, AFX, AFP

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SEAT Asks Its Workers To Accept 10% Pay Cut

SA, the Spanish subsidiary of Germany's Volkswagen AG, has asked workers to accept a pay cut of 10 percent to make the financially troubled company more competitive, . .

In a published statement, SEAT cited what it said was low worker productivity and high production costs among the causes for its financial difficulties.

SEAT, which YW bought from the Spanish government in 1986, employed 25,000 workers in its four

The Associated Press plants in northeastern Spain BARCELONA — SEAT in 1992. Since then, layoffs, early retirements and the transfer of one plant to VW have cut the work force to about 14,000.

> The company's restruc-turing plan, which has provoked massive demonstrations and repeated strikes by SEAT unions, foresees a payroll of 9,500 workers by the end of this year.

SEAT said it must reduce wages to adjust to market conditions and suggested cuts in worker benefits as

Russia Extends Its Voucher Program

MOSCOW — The Russian

government has extended by a month the validity of vouchers used in auctions of state compa-

Although the voucher proram was due to end Thursday, President Boris N. Yeltsin signed a decree Tuesday allowing the vouchers to be used by workers to buy shares in their companies until the end of July. said Alexander Oriyonov, a Kremlin spokesman.

The decree also gave the city of Moscow permission to use vonchers for sales of city assets until the end of the year.

Privatization vouchers were given to every Russian citizen in late 1992 with the aim of pioneering the sale of most of the state sector and then the rest of

country have been sold in voucher anctions, with investors buying shares with the vouchers instead of with cash.

Officials have had little but praise for the voucher program. "Voucher privatization is probably the biggest economic reform in Russia," Alexander Knbishkin, a parliamentary ad-

A new program of selling shares for cash is to be delayed because of the voucher's new lease on life, said Larisa Chernyshova, a spokesman for the State Property Committee.

About 136 million vouchers have been used in share anc. about profits. Voucher privatitions. In 1993, the government zation changed that." sold shares in more than 12,000

the economy. Since then, thou-small and medium-sized comsands of companies across the panies worth 113 billion rubles (\$57 million), Miss Cherny-

An additional 4,500 compa-nies valued 331 billion rubles will have gone on the block by the end of July, she added.

The voncher program has made fundamental changes in the Russian economy, according to Mr. Kubishkin. "The market works now - there are no shortages anymore," he said.

Irina Pinkovsky, an analyst at the London-based consulting company Hiffe Ltd., said: "In the past, factory directors were responsible only for output, and they didn't give a damn

Others add that in the new

Abbey National Opens a Potential Banks' Price War

LONDON - Abbey National PLC fired the opening salvo Thursday of what may escalate

Copying the cut-price tactics of U.K. supermarkets and newspapers, the country's third-largest bank said it would halve the annual rate it charges customers on authorized over-drafts to 9.9 percent, effective Friday, its largest cut ever.

Rivals such as National Westminster Bank PLC and Lloyds Bank PLC, which depend more heavily on consumer lending than Abbey, said they are now considering whether to lower their own rates.

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NEC projects it will sell 1.8 Thursday it had a parent-commiltion personal computers in pany loss of 25.36 billion yen Japan this year, up 31 percent from 1,370,000 last year and well above NECs original estimate of 1,520,000. The company has a 51 percent share of the personal computer market in Japan.

Industry analysts say NEC is likely to meet its new targets. The PC market in Japan is definitely growing, which from 1.03 trillion yen. means increased opportuni-ties," said Kunihiko Kawada industry analyst at James Capel Pacific Ltd. But he said increased sales did not necessarily creased sales did not necessarily year. The airline unit predicted mean greater market share for it would break even this year.

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more personal computers in Ja-pan in the year ending in March 1995 than it did last year.

ness pusinesses and consults will ensure the growth in sales, said Katsuichi Tomita, general manager of NECs personal The prediction comes a computer business promotion month after NEC and other top division. He said that even if the Japanese electronics makers 1.8 million target was not forecast that their profits in the reached, the company was cer-

(\$250 million) in the year ended March 31, as recession at home and abroad held down revenue, The Associated Press reported. But because of cost-cutting efforts, however, its loss shrank 42 percent from 43.78 billion yen in the previous year, the company said. Revenue declined to 982.31 billion yen

Japan Air Lines individually posted a loss of 37.46 billion yen for the year, down from 47.87 billion yen the previous

Vietnam Looks to Workers To Support New Bond Issue

HANOI -- Hoang Thach Cement, one of Vietnam's largest cement producers, will make history Friday when it issues Vietnam's first corporate bond to raise an initial 50 billion of the people," Mr. Hahn said. dong (\$4.5 million).
The state-owned company

seems to thrive on nationalistic fervor. "You won't find any foreigners, consultants or technicians around here," says Nguyen Van Hanh, director of Hoang Thach Cement

"This company was built with domestic capital and run with local expertise," said Mr. Hanh, dressed, like all other office workers, in blue trousers least 20 billion dong of the and a white shirt complete with bond issue will come from emthe company logotype of a lion ployees. "We are offering the

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Mr. Hanh said high-technol- for their houses if they are
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was the only overseas contribution, and management at Hoang Thach clearly would like to keep it that way.

"It is the policy of our govcriment to mobilize the savings

Vietnam is moving from a centrally planned to a marketbased economy and needs an estimated \$50 billion to fund its economic transformation by 2000. While foreign investment will be the main source of capital, Vietnam is counting on raising a substantial portion from domestic sources.

Mr. Hanh predicts that at

Fallout From Yen's Rise Is It Good News for Asian Economies?

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

HONG KONG — Asian economies, weighing the gains and losses of the yen's surge against the dollar, are looking for increased Japanese investment but also are bracing for higher inflation and slower economic recovery.

Analysts said Thursday that Japanese investment in the region could grow as a result of the strong yen, but there might also be a slowdown in Japan's domestic manufacturing as companies shift production overseas, and the higher cost of imports from Japan could lead to more inflation and higher interest rates across Asia.

The jury is still out, however, on who could win or lose on the yen's strong move. South Korea sees greater market share for its products, while Taiwan hopes to attract Japanese companies. Malaysia expects increases in technology transfers, the Philippines fears loss of foreign investment, and Australia is worried that Asian growth may slow.

Apart from its surge against the dollar in recent days, the yen also hit a historic high of 12.26 South Korean won Thursday. The won is basically linked to the dollar and has been stable between 805.20 and 814.60 to the dollar since the beginning of the year.

Some economists in Seoul are predicting windfall gains in South Korea as dollar-denominated products become cheaper overseas.

"South Korean automobiles, steel, semiconductors, shipbuilding and possibly petrochemical products are expected to be big gainers from the strong yen," said Ohn Ki Un of the state-financed Korea Institute for Industrial Economy.

But the strong yen also means higher import bills. South Korea depends heavily on Japan for materials, machinery and parts. It also has a huge trade deficit with Japan that is sure to worsen if the yen stays strong.

Higher import costs are also a problem for Taiwan, with the strengthening yen expected to force up prices and fuel inflation, said Liang Cheng-chin, vice chairman of the Taiwan Council for Economic Planning and Development. Taiwan's manufacturers rely

heavily on Japan for raw materials and parts. But Economy Minister Chiang Pin-kung said a declining dollar could bring benefits to Taiwan industry.

"The drastic jump in the yen will push more Japanese enterprises to shift their operations abroad," Mr. Chiang said. "It's time

for the island to woo Japanese investment." In the Philippines, analysts said the weakening of the dollar, particularly against the peso, could force exporters to close up and

drive foreign investment away. "The fact is a lot of exporters, especially in the garment sector, are closing shop now."

The jury is still out on who could win or lose in the yen's strong move.

said Sergio Ortiz-Luis, head of the Philippine Exporters Confederation.

In Sydney, economists said the strong yen could delay Japan's recovery by raising prices of its exports; that in turn could depress Japanese demand for imported raw materials, and Japanese demand is important to Australian exporters.

"The extra strength in the yen could potentially cut off emerging Japanese economic growth, and that will have an impact across the region," said Bruce Freeland, an economist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Malaysia, however, sees only a silver lining. Ramon Navaratnam, a former government economist now chief executive of Bank Buruh, a commercial bank, said the rise of the yen was "a blessing in disguise, as it will ultimately result in cost-conscious Malaysians banking less on Japanese imports."

In Singapore, though, some analysts see severe consequences if the dollar's slide remains unchecked. "If the U.S. dollar falls by too great a

margin, it will eat into the profit margins of many a company in the world that trades in dollars," Alex Ching of Alliance Securities

China Feels Pressure From Yen Loans

BEIJING - The yen's recent appreciation has raised China's debt burden and made Japanese imports more expensive, the official China Daily newspaper reported Thursday. During the past month, the Chinese yuan has fallen 5.7 percent against the yen, tracking the 6.1 percent decline in the dollar's

value against the Japanese currency. "First of all, the rising yen is increasing the pressure on China to pay back Japan's gov-ernment loans in yen," the China Daily quoted Shi Yonghai, president of China's International Trade Research Institute, as

saying.

Between 1979 and August 1993, the Japa-

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ese government provided China with 1.7 trillion yen in loans, worth about \$10.9 billion at previous prevailing exchange rates, the paper said.

But the yen's rise, coupled with this year's depreciation of the yuan against the dollar, has pushed the value of those loans up by about 55 percent to \$17 billion, the paper

"So, in addition to interest, China has to pay a further \$6 billion," the China Daily said.

Japan has said it will discuss ways to alleviate pressures on China brought about by the rising yen, Mr. Shi said.

Malaysia **Tightens** Reserve Restriction

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches KUALA LUMPUR - In a move aimed at curbing inflation, Bank Negara on Thursday raised the amount of money banks must keep as reserves at the central bank for the third time this year, further limiting funds available for lending.

The statutory reserve requirement for commercial banks. finance companies and merchant banks will rise one percentage point Friday, to 11.5 percent of their eligible liabilities. The Malaysian central bank

said it had ordered the change to slow monetary expansion and keep inflation in check. Malaysia's broad measure of money supply, M-3, rose at an annual rate of 21.8 percent for the first five months of the year,

Bank Negara said. Higher reserve requirements reduce the amount of money banks can lend from their own funds. The resulting reduction in credit is expected to restrain the supply of money and thus inflation.

Malaysia's annualized inflation rate measured 3.7 percent in May, down from 3.9 percent in April But in the first five months, inflation was 4.2 percent annually, compared with Bank Negara's target of 4 per-

The higher reserve requirement is expected to absorb about 2 billion ringgit (\$768 million) from the money mar-

The bank raised the reserve requirement to 9.5 percent on Jan. 3 and to 10.5 percent on May 16 to mop up excess liquidity.

Bank Negara's decision to

switch to a tighter monetary policy also indicates that the central bank may be planning for the ringgit to continue its recent weakening. In allowing the ringgit to fall

further, the central bank may be trying to chase speculative foreign funds out of Malaysia. Inflows of speculative for-cign funds this year were a ma-

ior factor in the fall of Malaysian interest rates. Short-term money now costs around 4.5 percent a year, compared with an average of 6.4 percent in (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

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Mobil Corp. has agreed to buy Vietnamese crude oil from an offshore field it discovered in 1974; the Bach Ho (White Tiger) oil and gas field is 100 kilometers (62 miles) southeast of the southern port of Vung Tau.

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 Singapore businessman Ong Beng Seng won control of the ailing Australian home entertainment retailer Brash Holdings Ltd. through a 40 million Australian dollar (\$29 million) cash offer that was accepted Thursday by Brash's creditors.

 Australia's current account deficit, which measures the balance on the country's trade and overseas payments, widened to 1.71 billion Australian dollars in May, adding weight to calls for a tightening of monetary and fiscal policy, economists said.

• Ford Motor Co. said it would realign its Asian operations Friday to try to make it possible for regional managers to respond better to their markets.

 Japan's housing starts in May rose 13.5 percent from May 1993 to 130,096 units, the Construction Ministry said. AP, Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg

Philippines Suspends Tax

The Associated Press

MANILA - The Supreme Court on Thursday indefinitely suspended a tax law one day before it was to take effect. But President Fidel V. Ramos said the tax should be given a chance commodities had suddenly into work.

The court voted 11 to 4 to issue a temporary restraining order after several citizens groups questioned the constitu-tionality of the expanded value-

added tax law, which is similar to a sales tax. It set a public hearing for next Thursday.

Since Mr. Ramos signed the law May 5, there have been complaints that prices of prime creased.

The new tax was expected to distribute tax more equitably and to result in an additional 8.3 billion pesos (\$310 million) in annual tax revenue.

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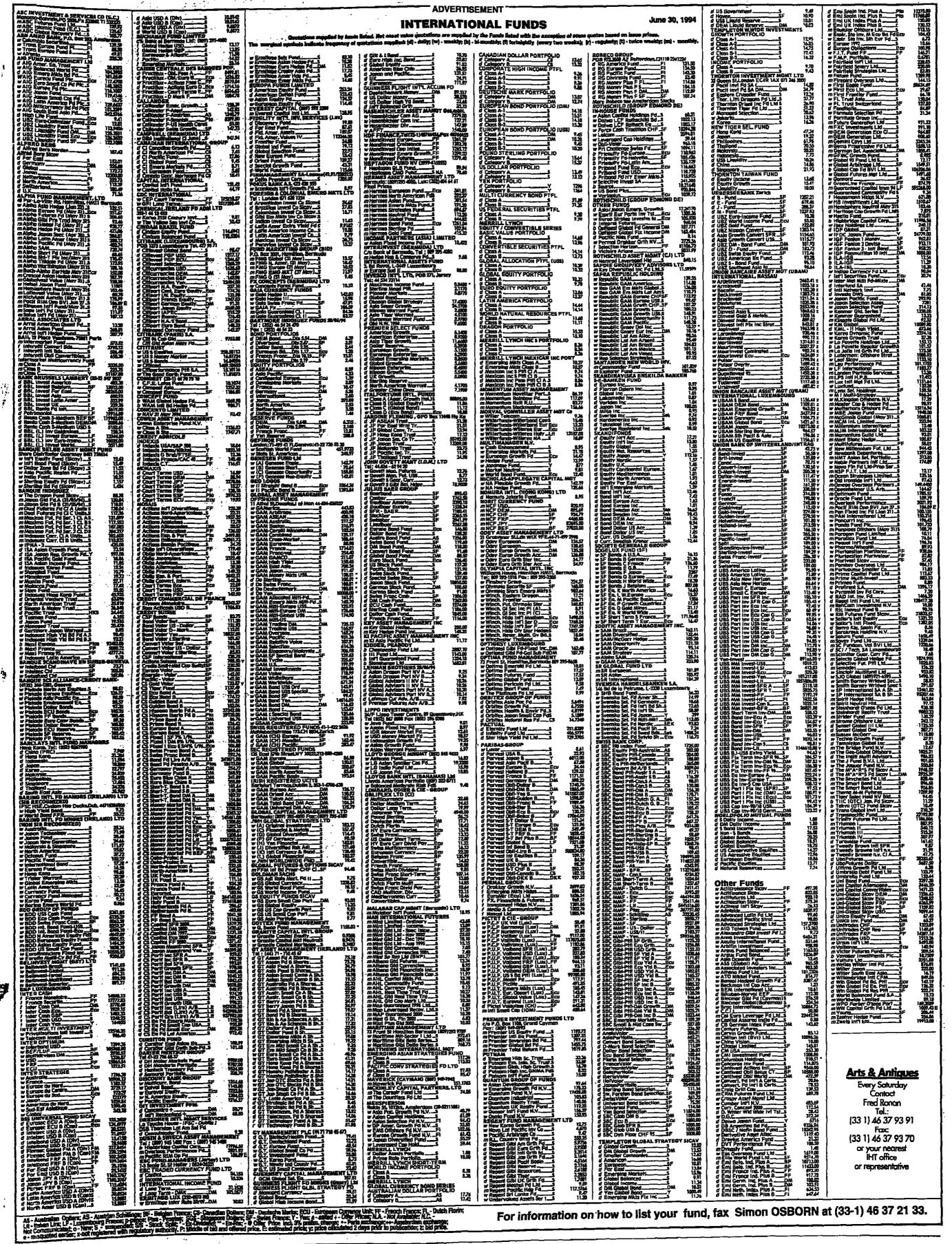
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3-Hitter Ends Jays' 10-Game Slide

The Associated Press

Pat Hentgen's three-hitter finally put the brakes on the Toronto Blue Jays' slide to oblivi-

Behind his pitching, the Blue Jays halted a 10-game losing streak with a 5-0 victory Wednesday over the Brewers in Milwaukee.

"Ten games in a row is just unbelievable," Hentgen said. 'If you would have said we'd lose 10 in a row, I'd of laughed

at you. Well, it happened. Hentgen walked three and struck out four in halting the Blue Jays' longest losing skid since 1981, when they dropped

12 straight. Randy Knorr gave Hentgen all the support he would need with a two-run homer, his

fourth. Hentgen allowed a double and single to No. 9 hitter Jose Valentin and a ninth-inning single to Jody Reed in posting his third career shutout and

second this season. Hentgen, the only Toronto starter with a winning record. didn't allow a runner past second base, and he got four double-play grounders in his fifth

Phil Garner, said.

Toronto took a 3-0 lead in second. the second after Milwaukee third baseman Kevin Seitzer's two-out error. John Olerud scored from second when Dick Schofield's grounder went between Seitzer's legs. Knorr.

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who has hit the Blue Jays' only two home runs in their last nine games, followed with a two-run shot off Ricky Bones.

"I didn't think it was going to go that far," Bones said. The Blue Jays' skid was the third-longest in club history. They still have the AL's worst road record at 10-25.

Yankees 4, Red Sox 3: Danny Tartabull, who had struck out in his three previous at-bats, homered leading off the 10th in Boston as New York won its eighth straight. It was Boston's 12th straight

home loss. Pinch-hitter Wes Chamber-

we?" Milwaukee's manager. Fletcher's drive to deep left seven. with two outs and a runner on

Jim Leyritz had a two-run homer and three RBIs for the Yankees.

Orioles 7. Indians 6: Chris ley pitched a perfect ninth. Sabo singled home the winning run as the Orioles strung together three straight two-out three. hits in the 10th inning in Cleve-

Baltimore won for the fifth time in its last six games, all on the road, and improved its league-leading road record to 24-13. Cleveland has lost four of five at Jacobs Field since setting a team mark with 18 straight home victories.
White Sox 7, Royals 6: Tim

Raines's single drove in Ozzie Guillen, who had walked on four pitches to open the bottom of the ninth, and Chicago, playing at home, beat Kansas City. Chicago tied it 6-6 in the fifth on Julio Franco's 12th homer. Vince Coleman went 3-for-5

and stole three bases for the Royals. Athletics 1, Angels 0: Scott

innings at County Stadium. a ground out. But Steve Howe ley since the second inning, beat "We obviously don't want got out of a jam when left field-visiting California and extendhim to pitch here anymore, do er Luis Polonia ran down Scott ed Oakland's winning streak to

Brosius's sixth home run made a winner of Dennis Eckersley after rookie Carlos Reyes held the Angels to two hits through eight innings. Eckers-

Finley allowed four hits. struck out five and walked

Rangers 11, Twins 10: Dean Palmer led off the ninth with a game-tying homer, his second, and Jeff Frye won it with a sacrifice fly as visiting Texas beat Minnesota.

Texas, which earlier blew six-run lead, fell behind, 10-9. in the eighth when Chuck Knoblauch hit a sacrifice fly for the Twins.

Kirby Puckett, one of four Minnesota players with two RBIs, had four hits. He leads the AL with 72 RBIs. Mariners 9. Tigers 4: Jav

Buhner's home run ignited a five-run rally in the seventh as Seattle beat visiting Detroit. Edgar Martinez went 4-for-4 with a homer, two runs scored complete game. He has now lain had driven in the tying run Brosius's ninth-inning home with a homer, two runs scored shut out the Brewers over 17 in the bottom of the ninth with run, the first hit off Chuck Fin- and two RBIs for the Mariners.



Cal Ripken scored a run the hard way, then the Orioles beat the Indians in the 10th.

Williams Sets Mark

LOS ANGELES -- Matt Williams of the San Fran-cisco Giants broke Willie Stargell's 1971 National League record Wednesday night with his 29th home run before the end of June.

Williams, who tied the mark Wednesday night against the Dodgers right-hander Orel Hershiser. drove a 2-1 pitch into left field off right-hander Ramon Martinez in the fourth inning.

Martinez, who still pitched a five-hitter, also twice as the Dodgers won the game, 6-2.

The Giants' third baseman, who didn't hit his 29th homer last year until Sept. 4, is on a pace to hit 59. Hack Wilson set the NL record of 56 in 1930.

Williams, who set a Giants franchise record for third baseman with a career-high 38 homers last season, has homered in five of his last eight games.

Braves' Smoltz Beats Expos, and Homers

John Smoltz was well rested. and that meant trouble for the Montreal Expos.

Smoltz, returning from an eight-game suspension for hit-ting New York's John Cangelosi with a pitch, got his first home run of the year and allowed just three hits over eight innings Wednesday as the Atlanta Braves won, 6-2, in Mon-

Bill Pecota drove in three runs as Atlanta ended a fourgame losing streak and regained a 11/2-game lead over Montreal in the NL East. The Expos had scored 15 runs in the first two

games of the series. "I used the time off wisely." Smoltz said. "I worked diligently but didn't overwork myself. I was in a good mindset, knowing I'd only have one start in 10

Pitchers don't usually have that luxury.'

"This wasn't a make-orbreak series for anybody," said the Braves manager. Bobby Cox. "But you certainly don't

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days off to recover from various aches and pains.

"I felt great today," he said. "I wouldn't say I had my best slider, but I kept them off-balance. I haven't felt this good with my fastball in a long time." He allowed an unearned run,

struck out seven and walked

Prior to his first at-hat, in the third inning, Smoltz said, he games. I didn't have to worry told teammate Dave Gallagher about the Phillies, didn't have that he was going to swing at

Gallagher told me, 'Great strat-Smoltz said. It was his third homer in the

Smoltz gave up only a leadoff single to Marquis Grissom. want to get swept."

Henry's one-out single in the
Smoltz said he used the 10 fifth and Sean Berry's pinch-Henry's one-out single in the double in the eighth.

> Phillies 5, Marlins 2: Danny Jackson held visiting Florida to four hits over eight innings and Doug Jones gained his league-leading 20th save in Philadelphia. Kevin Stocker scored one run and drove in two.

> Astros 3, Reds 1: Kevin Bass and Jeff Bagwell homered in the eighth to give Houston its vic-tory after visiting Cincinnati's Jose Rijo pitched a five-hit shutout through seven innings with seven strikeouts.

Cubs 6. Parates 5: Glenallen

to worry about the Mets. I just the first pitch, no matter what. Hill's two-run, bases-loaded concentrated on Montreal. "After I rounded the bases, double with two outs in the "After I rounded the bases, double with two outs in the ninth in Chicago beat Pittsburgh.

Hill, who homered for a 4-0 lead in the fifth, doubled off Mark Dewey and drove in Rey Sanchez and Shawon Dunston. Orlando Merced's three-run homer in a four-run seventh tied the score and his sacrifice fly put the Pirates ahead in the

The Cubs' starter, Anthony Young, retired 16 straight batters before leaving with stiffness in his right elbow after six innings, allowing just two hits.

Padres 10, Rockies 4: Pinchhitters Billy Bean tied the score with a triple in the seventh and fellow pinch hitter Craig Shipley followed one out later with an RBI single as San Diego won

Owners Send Ballplayers a Copy-Right Letter

By Murray Chass

New York Times Service recently received a letter from their own-

er. "Love, Marge Schott." she signed it. Players for the Oakland Athletics received a letter from the chairman of their team. "Very truly yours, Wally Haas," he

The owner of the Florida Marlins wrote to his players, too, but opted for the more informal, "Sincerely, Wayne."

To say that these owners and the other 25 wrote to their players is not literally correct. They sent their players letters with their signatures, but they didn't write the letters.

That is, they didn't write them unless they all had the same exact thought and wrote the same exact words.

The form letter was provided by the Player Relations Committee. Addressed

to each player individually by first name. the letters began:

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> gave to the union." The letter goes on to say that "communications can be difficult" because owners and players are "spread across the

directly the terms of the proposal we

Then each owner purported to say: "For instance, I have read statements indicating that, under our proposal, four and five year players would have less bargaining leverage than they do today."

Did the owners themselves actually read those statements? Probably only if their labor negotiators included the statements in a package with the form letter they were told to send to their players under their names.

The letters are so identical that in the third paragraph of each, the word "each"

"It is my hope," each owner said in conclusion — and collusion? — "that you will stay fully informed on the important matters at issue in these labor negotiations so that you will be able to make decisions that are fair to you but also in the best interests of baseball. I will keep you posted on the progress of

the negonations. As the clinching gimmick on these personal letters, the alleged authors had their secretaries type their initials as the person who wrote or dictated the letter.

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in SPORTS

Robinson First In NBA Draft

By Clifton Brown New York Times Service INDIANAPOLIS - Glenn Robinson wore No. 13 in college, but this time his number

As expected, the Milwaukee Bucks selected Robinson with the first pick in the National Basketball Association draft

Wednesday night The 6-foot, 8-inch (203-centimeter) forward was one of 20 college juniors who declared themselves eligible for the draft, and there was little question that he would be the No. 1 pick from the moment he decided to enter. The Bucks never seriously considered trading the No. 1 pick, although they had numer-ous offers. Robinson was the man Milwaukee wanted.

He was the college player of the year at Purdue, averaging 30.3 points to lead the nation in scoring. The Bucks, who fin-ished with a 20-62 record last season, hope he will join Vin Baker on the front line to lead ger team back to respectabil-

Asked about the pressure of seing the first pick, Robinson said: "In one respect, it's bad because people are going to expect for me to do more than what I can do."

With the second pick, the Dallas Mavericks took Jason Kidd, a 6-foot-4 point guard from the University of California. There was predraft speculation that the Mavericks might make a late change and select Grant Hill of Duke.

But Kidd had an impressive workout with the Mavericks, who needed a point guard after trading Derek Harper to the New York Knicks in January, and he was clearly the top point guard in the draft. Kidd has extraordinary passing skills and court vision, along with quickness and excellent size for a point guard. Outside shooting is the biggest question mark con-cerning Kidd, but the Mayericks are hoping his jumper improves quickly with hard work.

With Kidd, Jim Jackson and Jamal Mashburn, the Mavericks have three young players who should keep them from bethe worst team in the league the third consecutive sea-

"It's going to be exciting to pass to Jimmy, Jamal and Sean Rooks and hopefully Roy Tar-pley," said Kidd. "My idal is Magic Johnson and only Magic I've looked up to him and tried to follow in his footsteps. I know that's a hard thing to do. but I really patterned my game after Magic

Hill was chosen third, by Detroit, which looked like a major break for the Pistons. Many scouts believe that Hill, a 6-8 swingman from Duke, is the best player in the draft. Certainly, Hill is among the most versatile. He can play three positions - small forward and both guard spots, and Hill is also a superb defender.

Just as important, Hill is a winner. He played on national championship teams in 1991 and 1992, then led the Blue Devils to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament championship game this year, where they were beat-

en by Arkansas. Hill and Joe Dumars will become the nucleus the Pistons hope can lead them back to being a contender.

"I know my game better than anyone, and I feel I'm at my best when there are no restrictions on me, when I can just go out and play," Hill said. "I'd like to think I'll play small forward, but I do a little of every-The top nine picks went as

most scouts expected - Robin-son, Kidd, Hill, Donyell Marshall at No. 4 to the Minnesota Timberwolves, Juwan Howard, No. 5 to the Washington Bullets; Sharone Wright, No. 6 to the Philadelphia 76ers; La-mond Murray, No. 7 to the Los Angeles Clippers; Brian Grant No. 8 to the Sacramento Kings, and Eric Montross, No. 9 to the Boston Celtics.

The biggest predraft trade ru-mor was that the Chicago Bulls would trade Scottie Pippen and Will Perdue to the Seattle SuperSonics in exchange for Shawn Kemp, Ricky Pierce and Seattle's first-round pick, the 11th of the draft. But that trade did not materialize, as the Bulls apparently decided that trading their All-Star forward would be too much of a gamble.

The New Jersey Nets made a surprise pick at No. 14, selecting Yinka Dare, a 7-1 center from Nigeria. New Jersey was expected to draft a shooting guard, and Dare only played two seasons for George Washington University, leaving after his sophomore season. But while Dare will be a project, the Nets felt they needed help at center, where Benoit Benjamin started last season.

The New York Knicks used the second of their two firstround picks to select Charlie Ward of Florida State with the No. 26 choice.

Ward, who won the Heisman Trophy last season as the best college football player in the nation, was the quarterback at Florida State. He was bypassed in the National Football League draft and has decided to devote himself full-time to bas



Martina Navratilova saved two set points in holding off Gigi Fernandez, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6).

Jordan Is Ready to Return To Bulls, Newspaper Says

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls will likely have Michael Jordan back in uniform this fall, a Chicago newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Chicago Sun-Times, citing an unidentified source, said Jordan "has just about decided" to leave the Class AA Birmingham Barons when the minor league baseball team's season ends on Sept. 3 and rejoin the Bulls in time for the start of the National Basketball Association season in October. A nine-time All-Star before quitting basketball last year, he

is not posting All-Star numbers in his new sport, hitting .197 with 26 RBIs, 29 walks and 73 strikeouts in 269 at-bats. "This has been difficult for Michael," the source said. "He's been so frustrated that his hitting hasn't clicked consistently .. that he's letting down his teammates."

Jordan was traveling with the Barons, a Chicago White Sox farm team, and could not be reached for comment. A spokeswoman for the Bulls denied that Jordan's return was imminent, and a spokesman for the Barons said he

doubted it, too. "It goes against everything he's said all season," the Barons' spokesman said.

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Navratilova, Martinez Gain Women's Final

By Leonard Shapiro Washingson Post Service

WIMBLEDON, England The murmur from the packed clearly audible and growing louder by the moment after Martina Navratilova had taken all of 90 seconds to win every point in the first two games of her Wimbledon semifinal Thursday against Gigi Fernan-dez, her friend and training Dariner.

And Fernandez was thinking exactly the same thought as most in the crowd, "I was going Oh, no, please let me win a point," Fernandez said later. And so she did.

In the end, there were not enough of them to prevent a 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) victory by Navratilova that left both women smiling with great joy when it was

Navratilova, 37 and playing her 22d and last Wimbledon chance to win a 10th championship. And Fernandez, her lightly regarded opponent and onetime doubles partner, can take the world. solace from her brilliant play very limit of her considerable

For Navratilova, her dream of bowing out at Wimbledon in the final at Centre Court is now

"What a way to go," she said.
"This is what I dreamed about. Win or lose, obviously I'm going to be busting my gut out there to win.

Saturday against Conchita went on. Martinez of Spain, who also admost prestigious title in tennis. a 5-2 lead.

Martinez needed two hours upsetting the top-seeded de- one's mind. fending champion, Steffi Graf. But Navi fending champion, Steffi Graf. But Navratilova had other And on Thursday she came so ideas. She won her own serve to her first Grand Slam final.

match with a brilliant backhand winner. return of serve that sent up a

on the run deep on the baseline down the line. for a 9-8 lead.

and third-seeded here, has never been to a Grand Slam final. To get there, she easily held her own serve in the final game, ending the match with a searing topspin backhand winner past McNeil rushing up to the net one last time.

It was the end of a warm, sunny day of often brilliant past her eyes and drop at least tennis, even if Fernandez got off to such a horrendous start against Navratilova earlier in the day before regaining her touch both at the net and on the baseline.

Primarily a doubles specialist for most of her career. Fernandez had never before beaten Navratilova in seven singles competition, now has a previous matches. She'd won only two of the 16 sets they'd ever played before and came into this event ranked 99th in

The 30-year-old also was that extended her friend to the playing with her left leg heavily taped to prevent a recurrence of an injured hamstring, which she pulled in her quarterfinal match Tuesday, yet another reason she was considered such a heavy underdog.

"It was probably about a million to one," she said of her chances of winning.

Yet, even in that first set, down 5-1 in the opening 20 "But this is what I wanted. minutes of the match, she never To go out in style, and either let up and never lost hope. And way, I'm going out in style. I'm across the net, Navratilova said, going to absolutely enjoy every she could see her Aspen, Colorado, neighbor gaining confi-Those moments will come on dence the longer the match

Fernandez managed to get vanced to the final with style within 5-4, breaking Navratilo-and substance in ending Lori va's serve once, before eventu-McNeil's hopes of being the ally succumbing. In the second first black woman since Althea set, she broke Navratilova again Gibson in 1957-58 to win the for a 4-2 advantage and held for

During the rest between and 34 minutes to dispose of games, the crowd was murmur-McNeil, 3-6, 6-2, 10-8, the long- ing again. This time, the possiest last set in a women's Wim- bility of what surely would bledon semifinal since 1919, have been one of the greatest McNeil had opened up the upsets in the history of the draw in this event last week by sport, was clearly on every-

tantalizingly close to gaining get to 5-3, then broke back in this glorious afternoon of tenthe ninth game, saving one set nis, yes it was. "I'm disappointed." McNeil point when Fernandez netted said. "I thought I was pretty an easy forehand volley. Navra-close, and yet not quite there." tilova took the advantage with a Instead, Martinez became crisp forehand return of service, the first Spanish woman in a then got the match back on Wimbledon final since 1928, serve with a running save of a She finally broke McNeil in the Fernandez drop volley that she 17th game of their marathon whacked down the line for a

Navratilova opened an early

puff of chalk dust to gain the 4-1 lead in the tiebreaker, but advantage. That was followed Fernandez came flying back. by a smash of a last-gasp tying at 5-5 with a topspin lob McNeil lob set up by a hard and taking a 6-5 lead with yet house at Centre Court was groundstroke that put McNeil another brilliant return of serve

> Martinez, third in the world three points, hitting a forehand But Navratilova won the next winner for 6-6 and a backhand return of serve for 7-6 and her first match point. It was the only one she needed.

> > After rallying briefly from the baseline, Navratilova came dashing to the net and hit a high volley Fernandez watched go two feet inside the baseline for game, set and match Navrati-

"I thought it was going out," Fernandez said of that last shot. I was right there and I let it go. Bad judgment,"

But a great day for both "I didn't want it to end," Fernandez said. "I was having too

much fun. When it did end, Navratilova stepped over the net and embraced her friend as they walked over to the bench. As

the crowd stood and applauded both their efforts, Navratilova sat slumped in her chair, her head buried in her hands from the emotion of the mo-

Seconds later, Fernandez sat down next to her, whispered in her ear and told her she hoped she would win on Saturday. Then they exchanged high fives and walked off the court together with huge smiles on their

"This is definitely the best she's played," Navratiloya said. "I always thought she was very talented and had great potential. She's lived up to it in the doubles here, but not the sin-gles, and now she did that here. I'm happy for her.

"You have to separate the friendship and the competition. I know we're going to still be friends regardless of who wins. Gigi was a great sport during the match. Me too. We're not going to pull any punches. Then after the match, we can still put our arms around each other and say hell of a match.'

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Who Are These People? Old Passions Bubble Up in the Melting Pot's

By Bill Plaschke Los Angeles Times Service LOS ANGELES - Who are these peo-

That is the question we have asked ourselves, time and again, during the often dazzling first round of the World Cup.

We have asked it while watching a craggy-faced Irishman weep. We have asked it while watching a

young Mexican drape a red, white and green flag around his shoulders and begin singing in the middle of a crowded subway car, a song carried up to the street by hundreds.

We have asked it while standing amid hundreds of Argentines underneath the stands at Foxboro Stadium in Massachusetts. Their country had defeated Greece an hour earlier, yet they refused to leave. beating drums and bouncing on the con-crete, anthems tumbling from their mouths

like Sunday morning hallelujahs. Who are these people filling our major stadiums with this unrecognizable passion? In a World Cup that has so far thrilled fans, delighted advertisers and surprised skeptics, this is the question that domi-

Who are these people? After spending a week being jostled around upper decks that feel like foreign

lands, we have come to a conclusion that should not surprise, but does: Mostly, these people are us. They are waiters from New Jersey, stu-

dents from South Dakota, nannies from Washington.

They are U.S. residents and citizens who

came here from other places for education and opportunity. They have paid our taxes and fought in our wars.

But they are people with long memories. people with roots we sometimes do not understand

Certainly, several thousand fans at each game are foreign tourists, having flown here from distant ports for a chance to

cheer in their countries' major sport. We were prepared for them. We knew we would be playing host to 5,000 Irish from Dublin, 20,000 Brazilians from Rio.

not to mention all that Saudi royalty. But what we forgot were the 60,000 Irish from New York. And the thousands of

Greeks from Boston. And the Italians from Providence, Rhode Island, who have fived here 25 years or more, yet still tremble upon hearing the

national anthem of their homeland. We forgot that this melting pot in which we live still contains thick, rich chunks of

international passion. We forgot about Norma Cornejo. It was midway through the second half of the game between Argentina and Greece. The stands in Foxboro Stadium were full. But some of the most heartfelt cheering was coming from outside the

front gates. There, in a spitting rain, her face pressed against a fence, was Cornejo. Behind her, crowding for a better look, stood three

relatives Through the chain link, between the heads of security guards, they could see the game being played on the big-screen video scoreboard at the far end of the field.

They could not afford to pay scalpers \$250 a ticket. But that didn't stop them.

"We can see a little of the game, we can feel the crowd, it is enough," Cornejo said.

Cornejo works for a stock brokerage in New York. Her family has been in the United States for 21 years, more than half her life, yet she still stays awake past 1 A.M. to watch the Argentines play soccer

on Spanish-language television. She took two vacation days for the long drive to Massachusetts, a trip that fell just

"I live in the United States. I love the United States," said Christina Urrutia, a recent immigrant who teaches in Columbus, Georgia.

She patted her heart over her orange poncho. "But the flag of Argentina will always live in here," she said. Who are these people?

They are waiters from New Jersey, students from South Dakota, nannies from Washington.

short of allowing her to see her heroes in

Her family's cheers could barely be heard above the noise of trash removers and golf carts and passing cars. A group of teenage boys gathered behind them, laughing.

But then Diego Maradona, the national icon, scored in the 60th minute, and those cheers become screams. The Cornejo family hugged and danced

in the rain and swirling trash. Two other women from Argentina, one of them a U.S. resident, joined the celebration. Then those six people, standing outside

a stadium in a country that knows little about soccer, began singing an anthem. Maintenance workers and security guards stopped to stare. Nearby policemen shook their heads, then chuckled.

They are a Los Angeles resident, Pernando Lima, 37, who recently drove to Palo Alto with his head shaved and painted in the Brazilian colors of green and

"My hair will come back after the World Cup," he said.

They are Guy Bavaro, a computer consultant from New York who has lived in the United States for 30 years.

Before the game between Italy and Ireland, Bavaro was spotted in the Giants Stadium parking lot holding a flag and singing. He is a Vietnam veteran, yet the flag was Italian. So were the songs.

"I know I've been in this country a long time, but I want to keep alive my heritage, my culture," Bayaro said.

They began chanting earnestly, "Arother Italian-Americans, he was watching
gen-tin-a! Ar-gen-tin-a!"
his national team in person for the first his national team in person for the first time in his adult life.

"I am going to cry like a baby," he said. Who are these people?

One sociologist says they are people who have too long been ignored.
"The whole idea of this country being a melting pot is jargon, it's a myth," said Jay. Coaldey, sociology professor at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs.

The people who immigrate here, they do not forget about their roots that quick," he said. Tike our critizens who move to other countries, these people subscribe to the ropers from the larger from the countries. the papers from their hometowns, they talk on the phone to friends back home, they stay in touch for two and three genera-

The results, Coakley said, can be seen in the stands at the nine World Cup venues.
"We have ignored our ethnic diversity to the point where we forget it's there," he

In addressing wornes about crowd con-trol, Alan Rothenberg, the World Cup chairman, recently said, "Hey, the average people attending these games are going to be a family of four from the suburbs."

With the exception of games involving the United States, he has been terribly mistaken. The "suburbs" have been Little

Italy, Greektown, Koreatown.
"It is in these neighborhoods that a lot of people in this country gain a reaffirma-tion of who they are," Coakley said. Louis Granero, a waiter from New Jersey, has lived in the United States for 25

In a few moments, like thousands of years. That was him in the upper deck at other Italian-Americans, he was watching Foxboro, draped in a blue and white Ar-

gentina flag, leading a chant of "Let's go, champions!" in Spanish. "During our anthem, my hair stood up," he said, turning to a reporter. "Right now.

I feel like kissing you."

In other countries, soccer is a sport of the people. By the people.
"For us, these players are not idols,"

said Cornejo. "These are our neighbors. They are like part of our family. Coakley, who recently returned from an assignment in England, noted, "Soccer

teams in other places represent defined social classes, social areas, local clubs that are more than 100 years old." He added, "There is no big TV revenue, so these teams are supported by the people

directly. Here, you have a team moving from Baltimore to Indianapolis and being hyped by Budweiser."

Yet some of our differences remain 100 deep and vast to describe.

We watch both the Spanish and English World Cup telecasts at home, and my sons keep asking me the same thing," said Milton Jamail, professor of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas. "Dad, why does the Spanish announcer say, Goal-1-1-1-1," and the English one just

says, 'Goal'?"
"What can I tell them? I just say it's passion."

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The Saudi fans' enthusiasm was contagious, and Saeed Owairan's goal won over much of the RFK Stadium crowd.

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On the Soccer Field, Saudis Recast an Image

New York Times Service -

glossy fliers and the 12-page advertising supplements designed of camels and oil and sand to reast the world's image of They even tried to dehumanize Sandi Arabia that have been US. handed out to soccer fans in and a half were strewn on the grounds of RFK Stadium.

There, blowing around with food wrappers and empty soda cans, the advertisements were still more visible than the team. which is making the country's first World Cup appearance. Until Wednesday.

With a stunning, well-played 1-0 victory over Belgium that clinched a second-place finish in Group F, the team did more for its country's image than any fliers could.

That following the victory over Morocco on Saturday. The Saudi coach, Jorge Solari, an Argentine, was not surprised, however.

"If you remember our first press conference after we got here," he said, "I told you would take second place in our

"We did what we promised. Of course, this wasn't expected

by a lot of people." Abdullah Aboukhater, who works for the team's information department and coordinates the Saudi press relations, bathed in the happy glow of

"When we came here,

were considered as underdogs." WASHINGTON - The he said. "People thought of

"We came to the World Cup Washington for the last week to tell the whole world of our tradition, our culture and our religion. And to say this on the playground, for us to accomplish this much in such a short period, I think is very honor-

able." Belgium's coach, Paul Vari Himst, found it "very dangerous" as in: "Today we played against a very dangerous team, especially on the counterat-

The Saudis won over much of the crowd on the strength offic brilliant goal by Saeed Owairan, as pretty as any in this year's World Cup, plus superb goalkeeping by Mohammed Daeyea, who faced 26 shots and solid play by a defense that bent

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but never broke. Owairan said that the goal was "the best" he had ever scored. "But this goal means nothing to me," he said. "I scored it for every Saudi and

every Arab person." Abouthater also took the global view: "The performance of the team has proved to be the best advertisement for the world for the what and the who of our country. We said it in a language understood by all the

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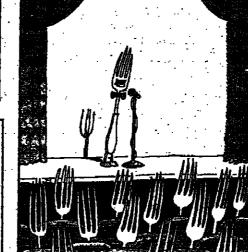
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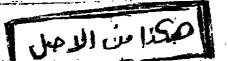
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Diego Maradona in Dallas: An early good-bye to the 1994 World Cup.

SOCCER: Maradona Is Suspended in Drug Use

Continued from Page 1

cous news conference in Dallas, the FIFA secretary. Sepp Blatter, held up a form submitted by the Argentine team doctor listing all Maradona's medicine. Blatter said none of the five banned substances were on the list.

Terming the incident "a human, moral issue and not only a doping issue," Blatter told reporters: "You will be the judges of the competition and it is up to you to decide if the case of Maradona now found competition or not."

The suspension — only the third for drug abuse in 15 World Cups - was announced hours before Maradona was scheduled to make his record 22d appearance in the World Cup finals against Bulgaria in Dallas. Argentina has already qualified for the first round.

Because Maradona was the only player involved in breaking the rules, Nigeria cannot protest its 2-1 loss to Argentina, which preceded the random drug test of Maradona last Saturday. Both of Argenti-na's goals were scored by Claudio Caniggia, who recently served a 13-month ban for cocaine use.

Ephedrine has long been a controversial drug. A U.S. swimmer, Rick DeMont, had to give up his 400-meter freestyle gold medal at the 1972 Olympics when he tested positive for ephedrine, which was an ingredient in his athema medication.

president, Julio Grondona, argued that his gentine federation, told a Buenos Aires team captain had used a nasal spray before radio station that the decision was reached the match Saturday because he was not feeling well.

Grondona said that Maradona had been cian, Daniel Cerrini, and had not informed 17.

the team physician, Dr. Ernesto Ugalde. Grondona said that Maradona hed received the medicine from a member of his personal entourage, Daniel Cerrini, and had not informed the team doctor.

"He was amateurish and negligent," Fernando Signorini. Maradona's personal sysical trainer, said of Cerrini.

Grondona insisted Maradona had not taken it as a stimulant, and the team physician of Sweden, Jan Ekstrand, appeared to

"I don't know the real circumstances, guilty of doping is a real harm to the but I think this is a case of mistake-doping," Ekstrand said. "Ephedrine is such a mild form of doping, its effect can be argued. I'm not sure that it has such a strong effect. There is a large difference between ephedrine and planned doping with anabolic steroids,"

Ephedrine is said to mimic the effects of adrenalin, increasing blood pressure and heartbeat, and dilating the pupils of the

eyes.
"These drugs do affect the central nervous system," d'Hooghe said. "They cause a mild stimulation and increase physical activity

Maradona was at the team hotel in Dallas as the suspension was announced, according to Grondona. It was not known whether he would accompany his teammates to the match Thursday night.

Technically, Maradona was withdrawn from the World Cup by Argentina on Thursday before FIFA could suspend him. The Argentine Football Association Pablo Abbatangelo, secretary of the Ar-"to avoid further sanctions that could compromise the team.

FIFA said it would decide Maradona's

lowing his suspension for cocaine use, Maradona was called back to international soccer when Argentina was humiliated at home, 5-0, by Colombia last fall. He lost an enormous amount of weight in very little time, then led Argentina through a two-game playoff against Australia to earn a place in the 24-team World Cup finals.

In two first-round victories here, he scored a sensational goal and was captaining Argentina to its best performances since 1986. Thanks to Maradona's rejuvenation, oddsmakers had rated Argentina as the likely finalist against tournament favorite Brazil.

Ranked second only to Pelé among the game's greatest players, Maradona appeared now to be fully integrated with Argentina's dashing attack, rescuing its dreadful image from the team which played so negatively while reaching the 1990 World Cup finals, and redeeming his own reputation as well.

The coach, Allio Basile, had been calling his team "one of the great Argentinian sides." Diego Simone, the 24-year-old midfielder, had been predicting, "With Maradona with us, we are capable of any-

And Maradona had boasted, "Now they can stop talking about what we think of Brazil, and start asking Brazil what they think of us."

Maradona was seen waving and grinning to fans as he boarded the team bus at a Dallas hotel Wednesday on his way to the team's final first-round training session at the Cotton Bowl. Rumors of his positive test drew a swarm of reporters to the practice, but he appeared oblivious to them as well.

His teammates, according to Grondona, had yet to hear the news. Only after the

After almost three miserable years fol- team was gone did Grondona reveal that Maradona had flunked the drug test.

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This is only the third doping scandal in 15 World Cup finals.

Maradona's suspension created a sensation everywhere, it seemed, except in the host country, which was televising live opening-day coverage of the preliminary trial of O.J. Simpson, the American football star accused of murdering his former wife and her friend in California.

Internationally, Maradona's suspension is matched only by the positive drug test of Ben Johnson, the Canadian, following his world record sprint to the 100-meters gold medal in the 1984 Olympics. Johnson was stripped of the gold medal and the world record. His comeback ended with a lifetime ban for using performance-enhancing drugs in 1992.

A routine FIFA test in 1991 found traces of cocaine in Maradona's system while he played for the Italian club Napoli, resulting in his 15-month ban. He has not returned to Italy since fleeing in April 1991. He is currently on trial in absentia in Italy for drug trafficking.

FIFA helped manage his transfer from Napoli to Sevilla of Spain in 1992, but his comeback there ended miserably in less than one season. He moved to Argentina and Newell's Old Boys, where he was fired for not training. When reporters came to interview him at his house, Maradona fired an air rifle at them.

Eight years ago in his prime, Maradona was an incredible blend of speed, ingenuity and desire. In coming back one more time, Maradona had hoped to convince the world to think of him as a champion. That will only be half of the memory --- he goes down now as the most self-destructive champion soccer has ever known.

Diego Armando Maradona: The Sorrow and the Pity

→ HICAGO — Diego Armando Maradona was simply the best, and the worst, soccer player of his generation. Beauty laced with poison, genius flawed by corruption, joy bedeviled by greed.

When the news broke of his latest flirta-

tion with drugs, I thought of the 7-year-old Mexican boy with whom I had watched Maradona's last, astonishing 90 minutes for Argentina against Nigeria last weekend. Maradona was the apple of that child's eye, the role model, the aspiration.

How do you tell such a child to sort the good from the self-destructive. How did we tell ourselves, when we first set eyes on the genius, or our own sons when they were drawn to his flame. Copy the good, reject the bad? An easy parental maxim ignored evall of us = i four youth? Rob

The por- Hughes tents for this. Maradona's fourth World Cup, were written in the sky. A light plane circling Foxboro Stadium near Boston before Argentina's first game, against Greece, trailed a Dona."

If Maradona did take the stimulant ephedrine with intent, it was with the intent of cheating the last barrier to an athlete: Age. At 33, he was trying to bring his weary, often broken, often drugged body back to peak performance for the last

Drugs and Maradona are more linked than is at first apparent. He was weaned on them even before he knew it. Scarrilous men in his past, so-called doctors, mixed steroids with his food to build a frail physique into something bull-like.

In his teens, he was administered more drugs. These, the appalling painkillers that sporting authorities incongruously allow, racked and distorted the ankle, the knee, the suffering back of a superstar whose

multimillion-dollar transfer fees and million-dollar salary were the excuses to patch him up, to push him through nature's warning to play him on balf a leg.

That was the sport's administrators extracting their pound of flesh, the doctors obeying them rather than medical propriety, the body at the center of it all building up a legacy of arthritic pain.

And the mind of Maradona? I don't believe he ever grew up. As a man-child, he could create from fantasies what logic might dissuade lesser talents from even attempting: trying to beat whole defenses

He was on the brink of competing in his 22d World Cup finals match. A record, surpassing the 21 each played by Germany's Uwe Seeler and Poland's Wladislaw Zmuda. But perhaps Maradona's 21st World Cup match, his 90th in international competition, should be struck off. For if it was drug-assisted, that represents cheating, a crime against the sport.

Maradona's interpretation of the word had grown into the most evocative cry of the Argentine soul since Evita Perón, and he had been put on a pedestal by the nation's head of state. Carlos Saul Menem. That is not conjecture. President Menem told us this himself when he flew to Milan for the last World Cup and bestowed on his little hero the honor of "ambassador to all the world of sport."

Menem's generosity backfired. When Maradona fled drug charges and a paternity suit in Naples, Menem welcomed him, suffered the indignity of Maradona's further arrest for cocaine abuse and trafficking in Buenos Aires, and still gauged public opinion to be that Maradona should escape the law and not go to prison but be rehabilitated by presidential decree.

Maradona thanked him with a vile tongue. He courted a future in Fidel Cas-

tro's Cuba, then in Japan, then the United States. Each door was closed to him.

trade mark, with goals against England and Belgium that no other player on earth

Yet, when Argentina's national team wou was humbled by the 5-0 thrashing from off.
Colombia in Buenos Aires last fall, Maradona got his foot back in that door. Fat though he was, prone to shooting pellets at journalists, rumored to be far off course with his clinical rehabilitation program, he returned.

It was a flash of the old genius, a flicker of the old flame, that created the goal by which Argentina drew, I-1, in Sydney, and thus was able to win the reprise of a World Cup qualification for losers.

He shed 26 pounds (12 kilograms) in a month for this World Cup. And we waited. Those of us who knew the history had mixed emotions. We wanted to see one more time the breathtaking speed, the movement and balance that can take over a game as quickly as a bullet takes a life. Rationality told us that no man slims down this quickly and retains bodily strength for a World Cup that would scon become a duel in the sun.

Maradona is not, never was, rational. His volatility had spanned five World the victorious aftermath of the 1986 tour-Cups. In 1978, without kicking a ball, he nament. He had walked the muddied street sent an undercurrent of discontent seething through his homeland: Dieguita, little Diego, crying aloud against being left off the national team by Cesar Luis Menotti.

Menotti, the Argentine coach, knew even then that the 17-year-old was a prodigy beyond compare. He left him off the team because he considered the pressure might crack a teenager; Maradona to this day feuds vengefully with Menotti. The coach was right, and wrong. Cer-

tainly Maradona proved four years later more formal and privileged upbringing what a talent he possessed, and also what a tempestuous immaturity. He disgraced Argentina when he was sent off for kicking Brazil's Batista in the groin.

Four years on, Maradona, the captain, led Argentina to World Cup triumph in Mexico. Triumph blessed with his personal

would have dared attempt, much less bring

Yet there was also in that 1986 World Cup the Maradona as cheater, the player who had scored with his hand and described it as "a little bit the Hand of God, a little bit Diego Maradona."

The blasphemy achieved the highest exoneration on earth when Pope John Paul subsequently blessed Maradona. But after the running sores of Argentina's brutal 1990 World Cup campaign in Italy, after the claim of his bastard child, after the notorious company Maradona kept with the Neapolitan criminal gangs, the Camorra, the Vatican newspaper condemned this maligned sporting idol.

He was disowned elsewhere, too. Visiting Villa Miseria Fiorito, the shantytown where Maradona was born and raised, I was stopped two years ago by an old woman who called out: "Forget Maradona, he

He had revisited the barrio just once, in of his birth, seen the stinking swamp at the top of the road where his father worked in the boneyard of an animal carcass concern, stood on the street corner where his skills, including the Hand of God technique, were honed.

My days in Villa Miseria Fiorito suggested it to be a happy but sad and simple place. A community that survived by any means it could, where the children roamed free and where the rights and wrongs of a were blurred.

This neither excuses nor serves as an explanation for Maradona. For there, as everywhere he has gone, he was a one-off. Uniquely skilled, untamed, unquestioned. A boy who bypassed boyhood. Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Tomes.

WORLD CUP WRAP-UP

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

The crackdown on rough play in the World Cup has led a 45 percent increase in yellow cards with four first-round games left, according to statistics released by

The governing body's general secretary, Joseph Blatter, said Wednesday that 126 cautions had been handed out in the first 32 games, compared with 87 for the 36 first-round games in Italy in 1990.

Five players had received red cards, bringing automatic expulsion from a game and suspensions to follow, while two other players had been expelled for accumulating too many cautions. Comparable figures for 1990 were unavailable.

• Romania is sending striker Ioan Vladoin home after his red-card foul on Switzerland's Stephane Chapuisat during Wednesday's match led to Vladoiu's insulting an assistant coach on the team bus.

• Two Bolivian players, midfielder Julio Baldivieso, 22, and defender Miguel Rimba, 27, escaped with just scrapes Women's Socce Wednesday in a single-car crash in Massa-China in 1991. isetts in which Sandra Rocha. 20. of Marblehead, was fatally injured after being thrown from the vehicle as it overturned twice. The car, driven by the victim's mother, was headed for Westport, where the Bolivian team was staying.

· A major rainstorm lashed Italy's training camp in Martinsville, New Jersey, on Wednesday, minutes after practice was completed.

A power outage left players, the team's coach, Arrigo Sacchi, and reporters in the dark for several minutes during the daily nress briefing.

No matter. Players still talked, reporters still took notes.

The big news: The bruise on Roberto Baggio's left leg, incurred in Tuesday's 1-1

improvement.

ing the matches. A goal could come at any

Don't leave your chair if you're watch-

An analysis of the 74 goals in the first 28 matches shows an amazing spread of scoring times, with no true hot spots.

The first 15 and last 15 minutes of an average game each produced 11 goals, or 14.9 percent of the total. The 46th to 60th and 61st to 75th minutes each produced 13 goals (17.6 percent each) and minutes 16-30 produced 10 (13.4). The closest to a shooter's spotlight: Just before halftime, with 16 goals (21.6 percent) from the 31st to the 45th minutes.

Most goals continue to be scored from the right side, with 16 coming off the right

• The five goals scored by Oleg Salenko in Russia's 6-I victory over Cameroon were a World Cup record, but he wasn't the first to score five in a world soccer championship.

Michelle Akers-Stahl of the United States got her five in one game during the Women's Soccer World Championships in

• John Harkes, the U.S. midfielder who plays for the Derby club team in England. says he would consider playing for the new

U.S. league — if the price is right, "The money's there, if it's spent wisely."

"If the people who are up there in the top places are doing it for the game and not for making a quick buck, it'll succeed," he added. "If they are doing it to make a

buck, it'll be out of here in a heartbeat." In order to obtain players with European clubs, such as Harkes, Tab Ramos and Eric Wynalda, the new league would have to purchase their contracts from the Euro-

pean teams. "They have to come up with the money," Harkes said. "You're probably talking

draw with Mexico, has shown "a clear \$3 million for myself and Tab."

How to Handle Brazil? U.S. Remains Low-Key

By Julie Cart

Las Angeles Times Service
MISSION VIEIO, California - If ignorance is bliss, then the U.S. team is the happiest team ever to face — who was it again? Oh yes, Brazil.

Although the prospect of playing the three-time World

Cup champion in the second round Monday in Palo Alto, California, might chill even the warmest heart, the U.S. team seems to be wrapping itself in a comforting cloak of unawareness. Either the players are not kidding when they say they don't know much about the team, or it's a defense mechanism they have developed to plays your own confidence. block out the frightening spec-

ter of Romario, Bebeto and Rai. don't know any of the guys on know what we're up against their team," the U.S. defender But to be in awe of them or fear Alexi Lalas said. "They're not them, if we do that, we're only my idols. People tell me they are going to downplay our own great. Nobody thinks we can strengths; that's not what we beat Brazil, nobody in the want to do. whole world. I bet you people will throw down a lot of money

that we don't win." It might be indicative of the U.S. team's soccer background that many of its players' knowledge of Brazil, one of the sports' present teams, is limited. Many or the best U.S. soccer players grew up idolizing stars in other sports and don't have the encyclopedic knowledge of soccer history that comes naturally to children growing up in other

countries. difference for the Europeanbased players is that they see Brazilian players every day and Brazil will have a bad we can win. Why no?"

know what they are capable of and what they mean to their

teams," he said. Coach Bora Milutinovic while careful to praise Brazil, is equally quick to add his own spin, saying that anything can happen. Milutinovic does not want his players to hold their Brazilian counterparts in such awe that they abandon confidence in their ability.

"The more low-key we are about our opponents, the better it is," forward Roy Wegerle said. "Once you start thinking, They've got this great player or that great player, that automatically, subconsciously down-"It's good for us not to know

too much about them and then To be honest with you, I do a little bit of homework and

"I've seen them play most of their games. In my opinion, they are the best team in this tournament. If we are not going to win this thing then I hope they do. They play the game the way it should be played."

Said Ramos: "We definitely don't want to have too much respect, but we have to know what we're up against. Brazil right now is probably the team that has played the best in this World Cup. It's good to have respect for the other team, but fessionally in Spain said the knowing that if we play our best have a little bit of luck, maybe Brazil will have a bad day and

Ephedrine: A Common Drug Often Misused

Los Angeles Times Service
LOS ANGELES — It can luck in the most innocent cold medicine, herbal tea or nasal spray. It is very common, but for an athlete subject to drug testing, it can very dangerous.

It is ephedrine — a component in many over-the-counter cold medications. It is classified as a stimulant and considered by the international governing bodies of many sports to be an illegal performance-enhancing drug, Increas-ingly, ephedrine is at the center of many thorny legal and ethical battles regarding drug testing and athletes.

The problem with the drug stems from its potential for dual use: Taken as medically indicated, ephedrine is an effective

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antihistamine and can offer relief from some cold symptoms. Taken in large doses or in its pure synthetic form, ephedrine can act as a powerful stimulant that some sports officials consider to offer a competitive advantage.

Stimulants have long been on banned lists for Olympic athletes and FIFA's list of prohibited substances is nearly identical to the International Olympic Committee's. It was an Olympic athlete, Rick DeMont, who first brought the ephedrine problem to light.

DeMont, a U.S. swimmer in the 1972 Olympics, had taken asthma medication before a race. The medication registered as a stimulant during drug testing and DeMont was forced to give up his gold medal in the 400-meter freestyle.

In track and field, the problem resurfaced a few years ago. After a spate of random drug tests that revealed ephedrine, officials in the sport struggled to determine a mechanism that would separate "inadvertent use" by athletes treating colds, and deliberate use as a performance enhancer.

Track officials also considered the issue of whether ephedrine, even in large amounts, was truly a stimulant that would benefit an athlete.

Discussions are ongoing and little has been resolved. Soccer, however, has seldom dealt

with ephedrine and its sometimes confusing uses, although FIFA has a strong stance against drug use.



The U.S. midfielders Tab Ramos, left, and Paul Caligiuri battling for the ball in training for the match against Brazil.

Nigerians May Protest Defeat by Argentina

banishment Thursday from the face Argentina in the second World Cup came from Nigeri- round, had mixed emotions. an soccer officials, whose team was beaten by Argentina in the Gianfranco Zola, who played match after which the drug test with Maradona at Napoli and was administered.

Emeka Omeruah, the chairman of the Nigerian Football caine. "This World Cup meant Association, said Maradona everything to him. His reputashould be sent home in dis-

"If any player on my team took drugs he would be banished home and would have his name expunged from football forever," Omeruah said. "The team is involved with

drugs all through," Omeruah said of the Argentine squad, which beat the Nigerians, 2-1. Claudio Caniggia, who has only recently returned from a 13-month ban for cocaine use, scored both Argentina's goals

against Nigeria. Omeruah said the Nigerians would hold a meeting of their technical committee before deciding whether to protest the outcome of the match.

"We don't want to rush into things," said Omeruah, but he did not rule out a formal pro-

test to FIFA over Maradona. Maradona returned to competition in 1992 after serving a 15-month ban for cocaine use while with the Italian club Na-

The Nigerians' Dutch coach. Clemens Westerhof, said: "I dona as a player, but no sympathy. Why should I?

When you come to a tour-

nament you abide by the rules, BOSTON — The harshest or you get into trouble." reaction to Diego Maradona's Italy's players, who could

> "It makes me very sad." said took over his No. 10 shirt when he was suspended for using cotion was on the line."

The Italian goalkeeper Luca Marchegiani had hoped that FIFA would be lenient.

"I hope this can be sorted out without them taking disciplinary measures," he said soon after the announcement about the test results. "We don't want to play Argentina without its best player.

"I feel sorry for Diego," said Roberto Baggio, the player who has come nearest to emulating Maradona's genius on the field. "I know he will be attacked endlessly by the press. But all that is secondary compared to his problems with drugs."

His teammate, Paolo Maldini, said the decision was only

"Those are the rules. Everybody knows them and they have to be applied," he said. Germany's captain. Lothar Matthäus said it was "a terrible blow for football and for Diego."

Jürgen Klinsmann, Germa-

ny's top scorer here with four goals, said he had been pleased have great respect for Mara- to see Maradona playing so well again.

"It's really upsetting," he added.

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Activism must have been putting its roots down for several years because it was in full bloom when I first noticed it. In fact, activism and activists people who believe in the docrine of activism - had become as commonplace in the media :.. communism and commuists had been back during the Cold War.

Had I detected a new menace of which hardened investigative eporters were still unaware? I egan collecting media refer-. ices to activism and activists, and had a trunkful in a jiffy.

What's astonishing is the tre-nendous variety of forms that activism now takes and the any shapes in which these cuicus activists come. A man picthed berating the governor of Florida in the May 16 issue of I S. News & World Report, or instance, was identified as นก "angry ecoactivist."

From the story I deduced inat an "ecoactivist" believes in the doctrine of "activism" toard or about ecology. Considering what's happening to the world, this seems very likely to make him an "angry ecoacti-

An even more extraordinary find was the "equitation activwho popped out of The Washington Times. A man of he Virginia horse country, in a Times interview, spoke of one of his three daughters. She was, e said, "the strongest equita-. n activist" of the three.

dermined by a doctrine of "equitation activism"? What is equitation activism" anyhow? The Washington Times also eported on "pro-life activists" conducting a sit-in. Sitting-in seems more passivist than activist, but activism can apparently take many shapes, including

Is the horse world now un-

simple relentlessness Thus a cover picture on the pose magazine U.S.A. Weekly iden-

tifies Edward James Olmos as a "relentless actor-activist."

OBSERVER

Epidemic of Activism

Even high-brow publications are not above joining the common press in seeking out and exposing activists. Thus The New York Review of Books for May 19 identifies a man in a 1907 photograph as "the Jewish activist Alexander Braudo," and The New Yorker of June 6 identifies Sir Isaiah Berlin as, among other things, "an activist in Jewish affairs."

A New York Times story about the new Supreme Court appointee. Judge Stephen Breyer, reported not only that he had been praised by "com-munity activists," but also that he seemed better fitted for the work than "a more abrasive ac-

"Student activists," "anti-abortion activists," "AIDS activists," "conservative activists," "liberal activists" and "civil-rights activists" were a dime a dozen, of course. Sometimes you could guess from the context of the story what distin-guished these hackneyed old "activists" from people who were not "activists," but reporters often seemed to use the "actrvist" label to outwit their editors when they didn't quite know what people did or couldn't possibly describe it.

A Washington Post headline, for instance, referred to "California Activists." Their activ-ism aimed at stamping out smoking not stamping out Cal-ifornia. "Hundreds of activists" turned up in a Post obituary, referring to people who worked in the campaign to register blacks to vote in Mississippi in the 1964 "Freedom Summer."

"Activist celebrities" makes me suspect that the writer thinks celebrities ought to stick to their scrapbooks and leave the real world to real "activists" who know what "activism" is really about. These would be 'activism activists," I sup-

New York Times Service

A Page a Day Keeps Your Problems at Bay

By Gustav Niebuhr New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Pressed for time and hungry for solace, many Americans are seeking spiritual nurture and serenity in small, so-called "meditation books" that are proliferating in the inspiration and

self-help sections of American bookstores. The little paperbacks turn up in secular and reliious bookstores alike, featuring short, upbeat reflections meant to be taken a page a day through the year. Their titles aim at all manner of readers men, women, parents, brides, the overworked, the

sexually abused, former smokers and many others.
The pocket-size books, about \$10 each, with 200 words or fewer per page, are portable, relatively cheap and a very quick read. Readers swear by their value.

Anne Morgan Baker, an Atlanta museum official, said she was given "Meditations for Women Who Do Too Much," by Anne Wilson Schaef, as a gift

some time ago.
"I consider it something to center me at the beginning of the day, to give me some focus for whatever transpires on a given day," she said. That book is fairly typical of the genre. The theme for July 4, for example, is self-esteem. There is a brief, opening quotation, in this case from Rebecca

sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat or a prostitute. The meditation follows, beginning, When a woman believes that she is equal, she is called uppity." And the page closes with this final thought, in boldface: "Battering comes in many forms. My self-esteem is constantly assailed, yet it's really mine when I get right down to it."

West: "People call me a feminist whenever I express

Since 1990, when the book was published, it has sold about a million copies, according to the publisher, HarperCollins.

Robin Seaman, an associate marketing manager for HarperCollins, called the book an unusually high seller in a genre in which she estimated individual titles often sell in the tens of thousands of copies. " think they do very well overall," she said, but added

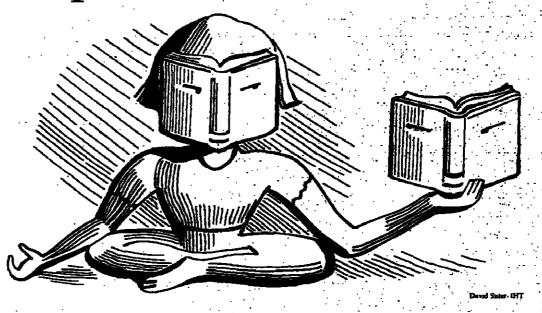
that the market was becoming saturated.

Another meditation book reader is Phil Lane, 43, who sells trees to Miami landscapers. "I've got a couple that I use just to get myself on track in the morning, just to plant something in my mind every

Leroy McBean, an assistant manager for Coliseum Books in Manhattan, recalled directing a woman who had just lost her job to meditation books that specialized in handling stress.

Readership of these books represents a spiritual practice outside the bounds of organized religion and traditional private piety, said Robert Wuthnow, a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of "Sharing the Journey" (Free Press), a study of support groups. "I think this is really a very significant phenomenon," he said.

The Reverend Bobbi Patterson, associate chaplain at Emory University in Atlanta, said meditation



books appear to be more popular among women than men, at least on that campus.

Use of the books "has some echoes with the old, daily prayer rituals, but in a contemporary form," she said. "My experience is these are not people who are looking for a quick, fast-food religious fix. They care very much about their spirituality, but their trust levels about traditional forms of prayer or

Daily, inspirational readings have a long history in Americans' spiritual lives. In earlier generations, when the Bible might have been the only book in the house, families marked their days by reading a scriptural passage aloud Mora at 21

scriptural passage aloud. Many still do.

Even that habit may be on the rise, albeit with a twist. Devotional Bibles, combining a daily Scripture with advice on how to apply it to everyday life, are on the best-seller list of the Christian Booksellers Association, an international trade group that represents Christian retail stores and religious supply

I think there is a whole new wave of renewed interest in a devotional life, a life of meaning," said Bill Anderson, the association's president. "Some of this is driven by people of Christian faith who want to increase their personal level" of religious experience, he added.

Still, many in the current crop of meditation books owe as much to the "recovery movement." which has drawn millions of Americans into "12step" groups based on the methods used by Alcoholics Anonymous. Since 1990, AA has published its own meditation book, "Daily Reflections," which has sold about 750,000 copies, said a spokeswoman

for the group.

Also driving the market is a broad and growing fascination with all things spiritual. The recovery boom of the 1980s led to a spirituality boom of the

'90s, and meditation books serve as "a touchstone for people," said Leslie Johnson-Byrne, a trade marketing manager at the Hazeiden Foundation, the Center City, Minnesota, operator of alcohol and drug treatment centers and publisher of recovery

Three Hazelden meditation books have sold more than a million copies each, the foundation says. For some, buying daily meditations is an act of impulse. Gregory Lecklitner, a 43-year-old Miami psychologist, saw the spiral-bound "Thoughts from the Seat of the Soul" by Gary Zukav, a meditation that is designed like a small, desktop calendar, and snapped it up. "I've set it up on my dresser and I've-tried to put it as part of my coutine of getting ready for work in the morning," he said.

Some people buy the books to give to others. Sam Cruncier, an actor in Manhattan, said he purchased one for a friend. "We're a nation of battered people and we're looking for comfort," he said. "It's not that these books by themselves will help you, but if you are ready to accept what they're saying, they can be great

Regular reading points the way to calm, say people who follow such a routine. "They just kind of focus you," said Linda Boyd, 31, a saleswoman at the Lutheran Gift and Church Supply in Houston who prefers books with a Christian orientation. "Especially in the evening, they help you to quiet down. In the morning, it helps you keep aware of what is critical."

Will meditation books have a staying power with

their current audience? Not everyone stays hooked. Sandi Stromberg, a receptionist at the C. G. Jung Educational Center in Houston, said she used to read a daily meditation in the evenings, after putting her two children to bed, "It kept me centered," she said. But she added: "I think you outgrow them. I guess I'd rather read a book."

WEEKEND DESTINATIONS

PEOPLE

A Moscow Music First: No First Prizes Given

A jury of former winners re-fused to award first prizes in piano, violin or cello in 🔩 Tchaikovsky international competition, which has been held every four years in Mos-cow since 1958. It was the first time the jury consisted entirely of former winners, and the first time top prizes have not been given. There were 284 competitors. Second prize for piano went to Nikolai Luganski, 22, of Russia. In the cello section, the jury also withheld awards for second, third and lifth prizes. Fourth place went to Elleen Moon of New York. In violin, Jennifer Koh of Chicago shared second place with Anastasia Chebotareva, 21, of Russia.

Sylvester Stallone is suing a New York attorney for libel, accusing the lawyer of making false statements that the actor and part-time painter had cheat-ed a woman out of three paintings. The suit, filed by Stallone and Anthony Filki, his stepla-ther and business agent, seeks damages of more than \$50 miltion from Edward D. Fagan and his New York law firm.

A 21-year-old German wornan who threatened singer Jenny Berggrea of the Swedish popgroup Ace of Base with a knie has been convicted by a Swar ish court. Mannela Behrei from Celle, was sentenced one year in prison and will los banned from entering Sweden during the next 10 years.

Manila's steamy weather is wreaking havor on Frank Sinstra's four-day concert tour, causing him to miss his lines. The singer's son, Frank Sinatra Jr., who conducts his father's band, said that "on occasion, perspita tion gets in his eyes" and blurs the teleprompter. But the 78year-old singer is "too proud to wear glasses," he said.

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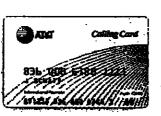
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